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MARSHAL LI.

WHY HE HAS GONE NORTH.

YANGTZE RELATIONS.

To Settle Wuhan And Nanking Differences?

IMPORTANT MILITARY CHANGES IN KWANGTUNG.

Marshal Li Chai-sum's departure from Canton is believed to be connected with the relations between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Nanking and General Pei Chung-hsi in Hankow. Other matters, of course, are to be discussed, but it has been stated that, after Marshal Li's arrival at Shanghai, it will be his object to bring about an understanding between Wu-Han and Nanking. Differences between these two Nationalist centres are also referred to in a review of the China situation by Sir Austen Chamberlain, delivered in the Commons.

Central China is now occupying a good deal of attention. General Pei Chung-hsi is reported in Chinese sources to have asked for Canton's active help in the campaign in Hunan.

Important military changes are taking place in Kwangtung in the absence of Marshal Li Chai-sum, the head of the provincial government.

STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Kenworthy's request in regard to the present military and political situation in China, Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) reviewed the political developments following the meeting of the Kuomintang (the Chinese Nationalist Party) at Nanking early in February.

The situation in mid-China, Sir Austen said, continued to be very unsettled and there was no sign of healing of the breach between Wu-Han (i.e., Hankow and Wuchang) and Nanking.

Hope Abandoned.

A proposal to organise from Hupeh and Hunan provinces a fourth unit (i.e., group of armies) for service in the campaign against the North under General Tan Yen-kai also had to be abandoned.

The British Consul-General at Hankow reports that Nanking appears to have abandoned hopes of enlisting support from that quarter (Hupeh and Hunan).

The British Consul-General also reported a serious Communist rising in Hunan.

Hankow Badly Infected.

A regiment of General Cheng Chien's Nationalist troops was sent to suppress it, but joined the insurgents. It is feared that other of General Cheng Chien's troops are equally unreliable.

The report stated that Changsha (on the Canton-Hankow Railway, northern section) was a hotbed of Communist activities.

Hankow was also badly infected and despite almost daily raids and executions, the authorities did not feel secure. Almost complete anarchy permeates the country districts in Hunan.

Renewed Campaign?

A renewed campaign by the Nationalists against the North was to open on March 15 with a combined offensive by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the "Christian General" Feng Yu-shiang and General Yen Hsi-shan (of Shansi province), but each commander was apparently waiting for his allies to strike the first blow.

A report just received said that the Northern forces had severely defeated the "Christian General" Feng Yu-shiang.—Reuter.

WU-HAN AREA.

Troops at Wuchang: Action Against Bandits.

Hankow, Yesterday.

It is reported that General Cheng Chien has arrived here from the Hupeh-Hunan country.

Troops of the Kwangsi General Pei Chung-hsi (a colleague of Marshal Li Chai-sum who has been co-operating during the last few months with Cheng Chien) are being concentrated at Wuchang.

It is also reported that the south bank of the Yangtze, opposite

posite Hankow. The two cities are known as Wu-Han.]

Bandits Checked.

General Pei Chung-hsi's troops have carried out a successful operation against the bandits who recently looted and burned the cities of Lichang and Chenchow, to the south of Changsha.

[Note: Previous reports stated that Communists and not bandits were at Lichang. Lichang is about 80 miles from Kwangtung's northern boundary. Chenchow is only 25 miles away. Both are on the route of the uncompleted portion of the Canton-Hankow Railway.]

Several batches of bandits were executed by the troops in Wuchang city last week.

Wanhien's Attitude.

From Wanhien, a few hundred miles up the Yangtze from Hankow, it is reported that conditions are not satisfactory.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Wanhien is held by General Yang Sen who is at loggerheads with all his neighbours. An earlier report hinted that antagonism to foreigners was being aroused at Wanhien.]

MARSHAL LI.

To Go From Nanking To Hankow?

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Marshal Li Chai-sum and General Chen Ming-chu arrived here yesterday from Hong Kong (on the P. & O. "Mantua").

General Li Tsung-jen (another colleague of Marshal Li's) has already arrived here for a conference with Marshal Li.

It is understood that General Li and Marshal Li will proceed to Nanking where Marshal Li will report on the present condition of Kwangtung's relations with foreigners.

and discuss the plans for renewal of the campaign against the North. Subsequently, Marshal Li may go up the Yangtze to Hankow to interview his other colleague, General Pei Chung-hsi, with a view to removing understanding between General Pei and Nanking.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

MILITARY CHANGES.

Old Paperside Officers' Resignations.

Important military changes have taken place in Canton. Many of the high officers, and even some of the field officers in the old 5th Army (known as the Papersides), commanded by General Tang Yin-wah (ad interim) are stated to have resigned their commissions owing to their units being placed under General Chui King-long.

Changes Explained.

General Chui and General Chan Chai-long have both commanded divisions under Marshal Li Chai-sum for some time. They have now been promoted full Generals

NAVY SENSATION.

First Lord Makes A Statement.

ADMIRAL RELIEVED.

Other Officers Demand Reinstatement or Court Martial.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Bridgeman said the Admiralty concurred in the action of the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Roger Keyes, as regards the three officers concerned in the "Royal Oak" affair.

Admiral Collard was relieved by order of the Admiralty and was returning to England. Certain issues of importance from the viewpoint of discipline remained on the Board and the Admiralty had decided in the interests of the service that these should be investigated by court-martial, which would be convened at Gibraltar as soon as proper observance of the regulations admitted.

Capt. Dewar and Comdr. Daniel would proceed to Gibraltar forthwith. The proceedings would be public.

Written Statement.

Mr. Bridgeman said that on March 10 immediately before the fleet was due to sail for combined exercises with the Atlantic fleet, Capt. Dewar and Comdr. Daniel handed a written statement to Admiral Collard making references to differences which had arisen.

The sailing of the fleet was postponed 15 hours and a court of enquiry consisting of the Vice-Admiral and two Rear-Admirals was convened to investigate the matter.

The Commander-in-Chief, Sir Roger Keyes, on receipt of the Court inquiry report, proposed the transfer of Admiral Collard's flag to the "Resolution," but for wholly creditable reasons Admiral Collard preferred to leave immediately.

Sir R. Keyes thereupon directed him to strike his flag and remain at Malta.

No Cabled Summary.

Capt. Dewar and Comdr. Daniel were relieved of their positions in the "Royal Oak" and directed to return to England.

Replying to an Admiralty request for a report on the nature of the differences and the court's findings, Sir R. Keyes stated it was impossible to telegraph an adequate summary not liable to misinterpretation.

The First Lord urged that the Admiralty would be unable to issue a definite statement and a hasty generalisation might seriously prejudice the careers and professional reputations of the officers concerned. Capt. Dewar and Comdr. Daniel arrived in London on March 15 and requested reinstatement on the "Royal Oak" or alternatively a court-martial.

A message had been received from the Commander-in-Chief on March 16 and the Admiralty had concurred in his action.

Mr. Bridgeman then announced that the court-martial, as cabled, had firmly declined to state the events leading up to the trouble lest they prejudice the court-martial proceedings.

Court Martial.

The court martial will be held in about ten days time aboard a ship in the Mediterranean Fleet.—Reuter.

and their commands have been raised to the status of army corps. General Chan Chai-long succeeds Marshal Li as head of the 4th Army. The new post found for General Chui (who visited Hong Kong with Marshal Li) is that of head of the 5th Army, the old officers of which are alleged to resent the change. General Tang Yin-wah, who has been acting head of the 6th Army, becomes permanent Vice-Commander.

The Ironsides.

An overnight cable from Nanking throws light on a Naval wireless despatch published yesterday. The 2,600 men who crossed from Nanking to Pukow last Saturday are Ironsides (Cantonese in exile) who have reached the Yangtze at Tating and gone down to Nanking by boat. From Nanking they have crossed to the north bank and have been sent up the Yangtze to Pukow. They are now being promoted full Generals

TO OUTLAW WAR.

Soviet Plan Discussed At Geneva.

GESTURE TO AMERICA.

Russia Ready To Abolish Armed Forces When Others Do So.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Litvinoff referred to Mr. Kellogg's proposal to outlaw war and said: "The Soviet delegation considers it is entitled to count on the special support of a Government which now publicly is making proposals to prohibit war. The sincerity of its proposal could not be more convincingly confirmed than by the adherence of its authors to the Soviet draft convention for complete disarmament."

Litvinoff's Questions.

After his statement Litvinoff submitted two questions; firstly, does the Committee agree to base its further efforts on the principle of complete disarmament during the period proposed by the Soviet Government; secondly, is the Committee prepared to carry out the first stage of disarmament so as to make the conduct of war, if not an absolute impossibility, a very difficult thing in a year's time?

M. Rushdi, in the afternoon sitting, developed the Turkish view on disarmament as more moderate.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

Weather Forecast Till Noon To-morrow.

"North-east or variable winds, light; fine to cloudy" is the official weather forecast till noon to-morrow.

The mid-day weather report says:—

The anticyclone is central between Kobe, Bonins. The depression is central to the southwest of Vladivostok. Moderate to light monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

ate and more practical than the

Soviet plan. As an example, Rushdi thought that treaties of non-aggression accompanied by a neutrality clause would afford a certain measure of security.

M. Litvinoff, in a lengthy statement reviewing the Soviet plan said the Soviet was ready to abolish its armed forces when the other countries were ready to do so and concluded by saying he counted upon the support of the Government which proposed the outlawry of war.

A general discussion followed in which Herr Bernstorff (Germany) supported some of the Russian proposals.—Reuter.

EVENING PAPERS.

BETTER ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

EXPERT'S VIEWS.

Manila, March 17.

A booster of the evening paper arrived to-day on the cruise steamer "Caledonia" in the person of Professor Willard G. Bleyer, head of the school of Journalism of the University of Wisconsin.

The professor is accompanied by Mrs. Bleyer.

"The evening paper is gradually supplanting the morning paper for the simple reason that the evening paper is a better advertising medium," Professor Bleyer said.

In America, he said, the tendency is to publish more evening papers and less morning papers.

Asked why he thinks the evening paper is a better advertising medium than the paper published in the morning, Professor Bleyer said:—

"The reason is obvious. The housewife, who admittedly does most of the buying, has time to read the evening paper. After the dishes have been washed and the children are put to bed, she sits down to read. The ads get her that way."

The evening paper is not read in a hurry. It generally has to compete with the theatres, the automobile and the game of keeping the family at home. Consequently it contains more of the light stuff and is not found in the morning paper."

GETTING BETTER.

Shipbuilding In The Colony.

DOCK COMPANY'S PROSPECTS.

Chairman's Optimism At To-day's Annual Meeting.

Improved conditions during the year were reported on at this morning's annual meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. The Company was now frequently asked to tender in competition with Home builders, stated the Chairman, and although at the present time competition was strenuous, when times improved he was confident that they would obtain their share of these large orders.

With regard to the report of the Shareholders' Committee appointed to advise the Directors with a view to the more economical working of the Company the Chairman said that during the year various of the recommendations, particularly with regard to the Costing and Time-keeping departments, had been given effect to.

With regard to the considerable capital expenditure of the past few years, from which the Company was suffering, the Chairman pointed out that it was impossible to foresee the happenings of the crisis period and the expenditure had led to the acquisition of far greater facilities in the matter of repairs and building.

It was also indicated that the Company's capital would be increased when the Directors considered the time opportune.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided over the meeting, supported by Messrs. H. P. White, T. G. Weall, Allan Cameron and W. H. Bell (Directors), Mr. R. M. Dyer, B.Sc., M.I.N.A., (Chief Manager), Mr. E. L. Hosie, C.A. (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. Lo Koon-hang, E. Abraham, K. A. Dastur, A. H. M. da Silva, M. Fernandez, Chan Siu-hing and Shum Hip-tong.

The Chairman's Speech.

The chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—

It is with considerable pleasure that we can this time put before you a Balance Sheet showing a profit on the years working. While regretting we cannot for the past year recommend the payment of a dividend, we trust that shareholders will consider the result fairly satisfactory, bearing in mind conditions which have ruled in shipping, not only in the Far East, but the world over during that period.

When I last addressed you, I mentioned that the report of the Shareholders Committee which had been appointed to advise the Directors with a view to the more economical working of the Company had just been received and would have the most careful consideration of the Board. Subsequently every point mentioned in the report was fully discussed at a meeting between the Chief Manager, the Committee and myself.

During the year various of the recommendations, more particularly with regard to the Costing and Time-keeping Departments have, as nearly as practicable, been given effect to, with results which I trust will be beneficial to the Company, and which will be to its ultimate advantage as the volume of work increases.

Policy of Development.

The Committee emphasised the fact that we are suffering from the considerable capital expenditure of the past few years, and that this has been brought into prominence through want of work generally. This fact your Directors are well aware of but it was impossible three or four years ago to foresee what was going to happen in the Colony during that period, and having embarked on a policy of improvement and development, they had sufficient faith in the future of Hong Kong and this Company not to call a sudden halt and cancel contracts at the commencement of the very difficult times from which we are now appearing to emerge. A great deal of this capital expenditure has been in the acquisition and levelling of land, building of new shops, offices, dwelling houses, pump houses, and purchase of machinery, to give us the necessary space in the future to enlarge and improve our dry docking facilities.

At the conclusion of a talk the business friend mentioned the letter familiarly known as the Zinovief letter which had been sent to the British Communist headquarters. Imthurn, hearing of the contents, asked a friend to get a copy which was received the following morning.

Imthurn was very indignant at the proposal to lend money to Russia at a moment they were fomenting sedition here and decided to inform the Government department concerned, which he did, and publish the information as soon as his informant was able to settle affairs here and get to a place of safety, as his life would be endangered.

Imthurn handed his copy of the letter to a city friend in touch with the "Daily Mail." Imthurn added he was personally responsible for obtaining the task of the letter and securing the publication.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER.

MR. BALDWIN'S DISCLOSURES.

THE ORIGINAL INFORMANT.

Well-Known City Man Who Secured A Copy.

FORWARDED TO GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS.

London, Yesterday.

A motion proposed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald for a new inquiry regarding the circumstances under which the Zinovief letter was published in the Press on the eve of the General Election of 1924 was defeated by 326 votes to 182.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Baldwin, opposing Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's motion for an inquiry regarding the publication of the Zinovief letter, read a statement by the original informant who is a city man not connected with office politics or the conspiracy who knew about it 48 hours before it reached the Government.

Mr. Baldwin met the man for the first time to-day and the latter authorised him to make a statement which the Premier had verified and checked in the last 24 hours.

The statement, signed by Mr. Conrad Donald Imthurn, describes how on October 8, 1924, he met a business friend in nowise connected with Government service.

PATRIOTIC MOTIVE.

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DONETZ AFFAIR.

GENERAL INDIGNATION IN RUSSIA.

GERMAN "INTERFERENCE."

Riga, Yesterday.

Protest meetings in various centres in Russia, notably at Leningrad, where 12,000 workers were said to have assembled, passed a resolution most strongly condemning the "German Government's interference with the internal affairs of the Soviet Republic" in connection with the alleged sabotage plot in the Donetz coal basin and demanding the shooting of the anti-Soviet conspirators. Donetz workers are reported to have passed a resolution declaring the action of the German Government of breaking off Russo-German commercial negotiations as really an attempt of German capitalists, backed by Sir A. Chamberlain and others to interfere with the course of justice in Soviet Russia.

A congress of trade unions has passed a resolution declaring "such intrigues of foreign diplomacy only make us more determined to shake off our industrial and economic dependence on foreign countries."—Reuter.

RUBBER INQUIRY.

PREMIER PROMISES STATEMENT.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Frank Nelson, Mr. Joynton Hicks said that Mr. Baldwin hoped he would be in a position to make a statement on the rubber inquiry before the next recess.—Reuter.

TEA POT DOME.

PARTY FUND SUGGESTION RIDICULED.

Baltimore, Yesterday.

The Republican, Senator Nye, chairman of the Senate Investigation Committee, in re-affirming the statement that sensational developments were impending in regard to the Tea Pot Dome scandal, ridiculed Senator Borah's suggestion to raise a subscription to repay Sinclair on the ground that it might result in the return of all campaign subscriptions of over \$25,000 which would prove embarrassing to the party.—Reuter.

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Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

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NOTICES.

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THE ACCOUNTS for the year ending December 31st, 1927, have been closed and subject to audit show a loss of approximately \$1,189,000. On December 31st the advances from the Company's Bankers and General Agents amount to such a sum that neither of them is prepared to make further advances to the Company.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders will be convened at an early date to consider the position. Meantime the General Agents and Consulting Committee are appointing an informal special Committee of Shareholders to inquire into the Company's position and prepare a report for submission to Shareholders.

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G. A. HARRIMAN,
Member, Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.
13th March, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th April, 1928, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th March, 1928, to the 4th April, 1928 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1928, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th March, 1928 at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 22nd day of March, to THURSDAY, the 29th day of March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Last Monday we celebrated the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. Lady Astor seized the occasion publicly to warn us against the 100 per cent. citizen from which ever side of the Atlantic he sprang. In her opinion he was a danger to the world. I propose to discuss the 100 per cent. patriot of the dramatic world.

Our Press has lately been occupied with charges and counter-charges dealing with the alleged American invasion of theatrical England, and disparaging comments upon the present quality of English drama have been made by well-known Americans.

When I discussed the point, the other day, with Mr. Archie Selwyn, the well-known New York theatrical manager, he committed himself to a firm opinion that the present state of the English theatre was deplorable. Mr. Channing Pollock, the noted American playwright and critic, has also delivered a funeral oration over the English stage, which, he says, is dying of anaemia. Mr. Al Woods, a theatrical figure even better known the other side of the Atlantic, has announced his hearty approval of any process of Americanisation of our stage if it will have the effect of bringing "pep" and virility into our work.

Swing of the Pendulum.

Mr. Selwyn, who is arranging the London production of four non-musical New York successes, pointed out to me that before the war out of every thirty-five or forty plays twenty were usually of English origin. The late Charles Frohman did a great work in popularising English dramatists in America, but in his time first-class pieces were being turned out by dramatists of the standing of Pinero, Barrie, Jones, Sutro, Haddon Chambers, etc. To-day the position has changed completely. Apart from Mr. Frederick Lonsdale, Mr. Somerset Maugham, and one or two others, in Mr. Selwyn's view we have no playwrights worthy of being compared with these pre-war giants.

There could, in his opinion, be no question of the Americanisation of the English legitimate stage, because in the last five years he only knew of two American pieces that had made any profit in England. The principal factor in a play should be entertainment. Most of the English plays he has seen of recent years had little entertainment value. He had had himself very great success with English plays in America, notably with Mr. Lonsdale's "Spring Cleaning" and Mr. Somerset Maugham's "The Circle." He thought our English stage was still remarkably notable for first-class actors. Sir Gerald Du Maurier, Henry Ainley, Leslie Faber, Herbert Marshall,

Ronald Squire, Raymond Massey, and Noel Coward, he thought, were our best actors, while Massey, he considered, was also one of the finest stage directors in this country.

Mr. Selwyn has been attacked for asking 60 per cent. of the profits on his American successes from English managements. His view is that a tried and proved article is worth what it will fetch. On the other hand, two such distinguished and experienced English theatrical managers as Sir Alfred Butt and Mr. Alec Rea are both of the opinion that the Americans are asking exorbitant and impracticable terms. Mr. Rea has had a very big artistic success in the production of Mr. Sidney Howard's American play, "The Silver Cord." He confided to me that for a certain American comedy that had been submitted to him he had been requested to pay \$10,000 on account of 60 per cent. of the profits, with a royalty of 10 per cent. in addition. He had had to pay for the American version of Somerset Maugham's "Rain" to Mr. Sam Harris the sum of £2,000 on account of 25 per cent. of the profits. This price, in his view, made the importation of American plays prohibitive.

Dull Stories.

Sir Alfred Butt told me that from his recent invitation to English authors to send in a British musical play for Drury Lane he had received no fewer than 247 plays. His staff of readers employed for the purpose (including a lady who had spent some years with the late Sir Herbert Tree in the same capacity) reported that sixteen pieces only were worth his consideration. He had read all these sixteen, and in his opinion it would have been commercial madness to have produced any one of them. They each lacked entertainment value. The stories were dull. The authors took themselves too seriously. A similar fiasco attended his declaration that he needed a play for Miss Tallulah Bankhead at the Globe. Fifty-eight plays were sent in to him in a week, but not one of them seemed to him in the least possible. He thought there could be no question of an American invasion of the English stage. The boot was

on the other foot. At least 33 to 1-3 per cent. of the actors on the American stage were either English or English in origin. One had only to look also at the number of English plays successfully produced in America.

I was reminded by his comment on English actors in America of how few American actors make good over here. There is Mr. Ernest Truex, of course, whose delightfully quiet style has caught our English fancy, and others whose names I cannot afford space to mention, but the balance is all in favour of the English.

Mr. Bayard Veiller, author of "Within the Law," "The 13th Chair," and the new piece that he has just brought from America called "The Trial of Mary Dugan," reminded me that New York is the most receptive city in the world for talent, regardless of its place of origin. I drew his attention to the extraordinary number of failures reported for the last twelve months in New York. His answer was that they had too many theatres.

Unenterprising Managers.

Mr. Frank Gregory, a manager associated with the production of "Tin Gods," "Fotiphar's Wife," and other pieces, said to me that the accepted shortage of good English plays was due to the fact that English authors are not sufficiently encouraged by English managers. Rather than trust to such judgment as they may possess, they will pay huge bonuses and royalties for a New York success in the hope that it will repeat its triumph over here. He thought it a pity that such an important management as that of Clayton and Waller should associate itself with so many American plays, such as "The Best People," "The Gold Diggers," "The Garden of Eden," "Sauce for the Gander," "Hit the Deck," "Mercenary Mary," etc., without giving some reasonable opportunity to the English playwright. Mr. Edgar Wallace and many others think that, as an act of sheer justice, American royalties on English plays ought to be taxed as English authors are taxed in America, and I can see no argument against this.

Surely, however, the root of the whole American trouble lies in the fact that our plays have become less a matter of language and more of situation. We have lost, as Mr. Fred Terry shrewdly points out, the proper cultivation of the human voice, "most glorious of all musical instruments." Such American successes as have caught our English fancy have scored their triumphs by reason of "sickness," situations, and virility. Seldom does the American get home upon delicacy of treatment, charm of characterisation, or felicity of dialogue; when he does we welcome him gladly. I am all for Free Trade in amusements. If there is really a low level at the present moment in English dramatic art it is only a phase. If American vigour can help to restore the balance I welcome it with open arms. What 100 per cent. Englishman, for instance, could have the heart to object to such a finished production as Mr. Berman's "The Second Man," even though it comes from the States?—"Daily Telegraph."

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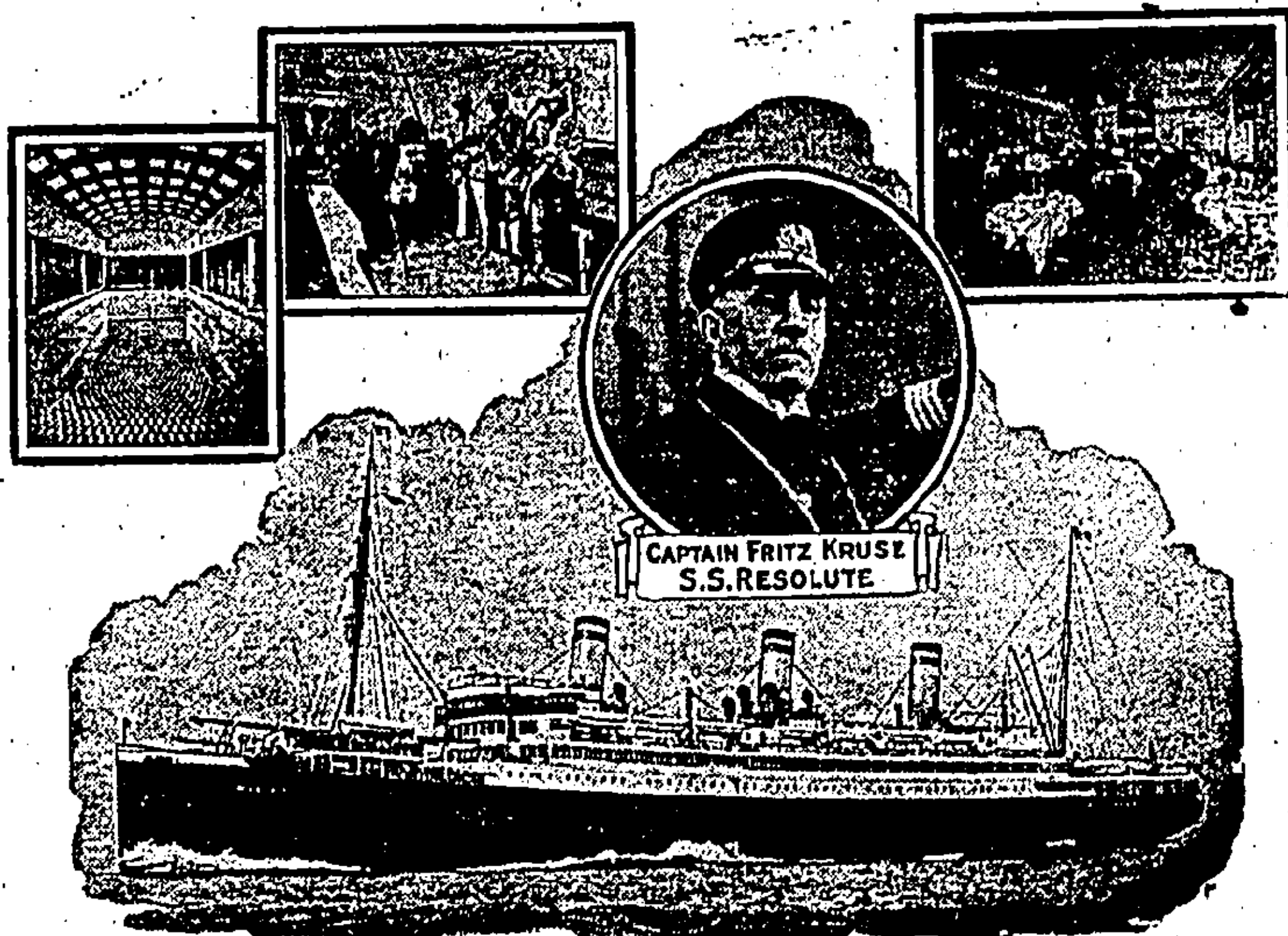
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KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles & London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,604	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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MAIWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
NOVARA	6,589	16th June	Marseilles & London
PANIPURA	10,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
NANKIN	7,058	14th July	Marseilles & London
RAWALPINDI	10,610	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	8,985	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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ARAFURA	5,000	3rd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
JEYPORE	5,318	14th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MAIWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
NOVARA	6,589	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DELTA	8,097	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
PANIPURA	10,601	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,058	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	8th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	10,610	22nd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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VARIETY OF VIEWS.

The need for Federal aid to private shipowners as an alternative to Government ownership and operation of the United States merchant marine was stressed by Brigadier-General A. C. Dalton, vice-president of the Merchant Fleet Corporation, in a recent address (state New York address). He advocated the construction of a fleet of fast cargo ships.

"If the people desire a privately owned and operated United States flag merchant marine that shall be commensurate with the volume of foreign trade of the United States and be available for service as a naval auxiliary in the event of a national emergency," said General Dalton, "they must, through the agency of their Government, give to the private owner and operator of United States flag vessels a direct or indirect financial aid that will place United States ships upon a parity with foreign flag vessels of the same overseas service."

"The only alternative to this, if the U. S. merchant marine is to be placed on a permanent basis, is for the Government to establish an adequate merchant marine and operate it as a Government activity, either directly or by some system of private management and have the lessee thereof paid by direct Government appropriations through the Federal agency that is charged with the construction, maintenance and operation of the programme acceptable to the people."

New Markets Wanted.

Pointing out that no merchant marine programme acceptable to the people has thus far been presented to Congress, General Dalton reviewed the world trade situation and emphasised the need for the development of new markets in Africa, the Far East or South America to insure an outlet for their surplus manufactured products. Past experience, he said, has indicated that the maintenance of the U. S. merchant marine cannot be entrusted solely to private enterprise, even with financial aid from the Government.

"There must then," he added, "be injected into this phase of the solution of the problem of creating and maintaining an adequate merchant marine a certain degree of Government supervision and control to insure that the trade requirements of the United States will always be fully served by vessels under own flag, and that the national defence will not be placed in jeopardy by the failure of private capital and interest to keep this national enterprise on a permanent basis and equipped with the most modern and suitable means of vessel transport."

Shipbuilding Costs.

In view of the handicap of the 35 per cent. differential in shipbuilding costs against U. S. owners, in addition to the high cost of ship repairs and the high wage scale fixed for U. S. ship, General Dalton pointed out, American owners cannot operate successfully in foreign trade with mail subventions or some other form of aid from the Government.

He recommended the immediate initiation of a building programme to replace older and slower vessels with others of modern type and speed. The greatest need, he said, is for cargo vessels with a speed of 14 to 16 knots to meet the competition of foreign flag vessels in this field. Serviceable cargo vessels of this speed, he said, will cost between \$340,000 and \$400,000 each. They should be built, he added, not on a standardised basis, but with a view to meeting the special requirements of the trade for which they are intended.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on March 7 left Yokohama on March 16 at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on March 25.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R.) from Manila, is due here on March 26 at 10.00 a.m., and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on March 28 at 6 a.m.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Venezia" sailed from Port Said on Feb. 20, and is due here on March 29.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on March 17 and is due here on April 5.

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NEW OFFICE FOR THE
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KING'S APPRECIATION.

London.—As an indication of his appreciation of the services rendered to the Empire for many centuries, both in peace and war, by the personnel of the Merchant Navy and of the fishing fleets, the King has appointed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to be "Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets."

The decision of his Majesty, which was made after taking Ministerial advice, will be received with enthusiasm by the seafaring community. The appointment of his Royal Highness, it may be said, does not in any way involve the introduction of a military or naval status into the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets. The position is without precedent, as an exhaustive search of official archives has failed to disclose any similar appointment. The suggestion originated with his Majesty, and it was referred to the appropriate Departments for their consideration. The shipowners, representatives of officers and men on deck and in the engine room, and those engaged in the fishing industry, were all approached, and they were unanimous in agreeing that if the position was created it would be hailed with satisfaction by all engaged in maritime affairs.

One of the greatest difficulties the officers of the Departments engaged in dealing with the question had to consider was what would be the most appropriate title. They had to have in mind that no title reminiscent of a "Service" rank would be acceptable, and ultimately it was agreed that they could not better the suggestion his Majesty made, that the Prince should be "Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets."

As the titular head of the two branches of the maritime industry, the Prince's duties will, no doubt, be largely of a nominal character. The question of the uniform to be worn on special occasions is still a matter for determination, but this will likely follow closely the standard uniforms of master mariners. Probably the first occasion when his Royal Highness will appear in his new office will be at the forthcoming dinner of the Chamber of Shipping, but there are several other engagements, such as visits to various seaports, where it might be appropriate for the Prince to be present as "The Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets."

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Durham" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 22.
Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Paul Lecat" are advised to send in claims to the Agent before March 23.

The new O.S.K. dock at Seattle, recently completed, was formally declared open at a ceremony on February 5 when a reception was held on board the s.s. "Arizona Maru."

At the request of the British Government inquiries have recently been made along the French coast for wreckage of the steamer "Sylvia," which disappeared in January. A Cherbourg message now states that a life-belt bearing the name "Sylvia, Portsmouth," and a mast were washed ashore last month and were deposited in the Town Hall of Rozel.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.

Hong Kong, 19th March, 1928.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the "President Grant" from Manila on March 19 were:—
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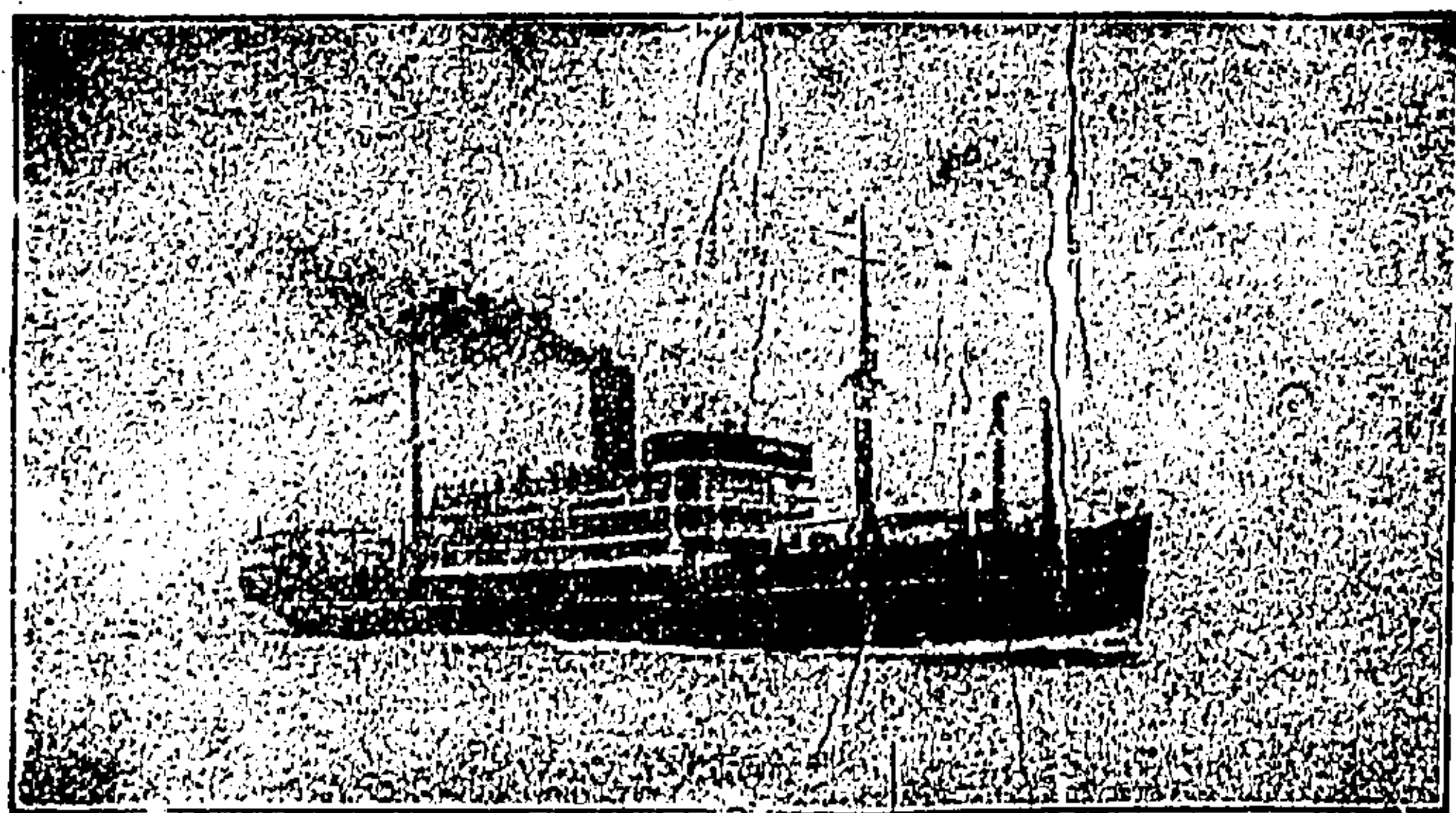
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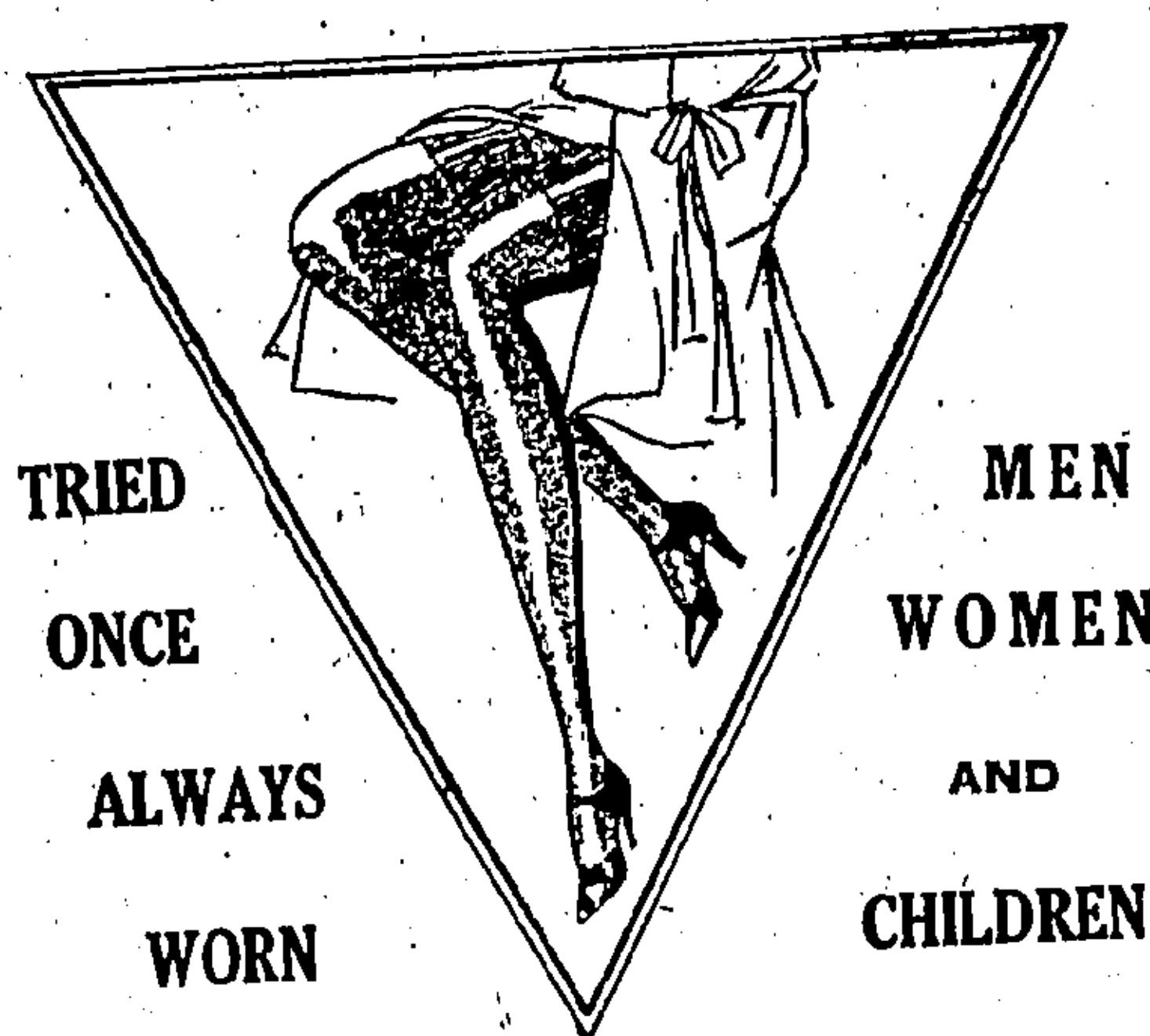
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THE ZINOVIEFF LETTER.

As a result of the Labour Party

refusing to observe the maxim

about letting sleeping dogs lie,

further disclosures have occurred

in regard to that famous -- or

what some would term infamous

document known as the Zino-

vieff Letter. That its publica-

tion most adversely affected the

General Election of 1924 so far as

the Labour Party was concerned

is now generally admitted; and

since then Mr. Ramsay Mac-

Donald and his followers have

consistently attempted to keep

the matter before the public, de-

manding the while the production

of the original Letter. It may be

taken for granted that the

original, if it still exists, is in safe

keeping and is not likely to see

the light of day. Hence the cry

of the Labourites. Recently the

Zinovieff Letter received inci-

idental mention in the course of

the Francis Scandal, in which

Mr. O'Malley, who negotiat-

ed with Eugene Chen the notori-

ous Hankow Agreement, was in-

involved. Upon the strength of this

"disclosure" the leader of the La-

bour Party moved in the House of

Commons for a further inquiry

into the affair.

Mr. MacDonald's motion, as the

cables tell us to-day, was defeat-

ed, no other result being expected.

What was not expected, however,

was the very informing state-

ment by the Premier making pub-

lic the means by which the con-

tents of the Letter came to the

ear of the Government and the

dealt with the points which it is

presumed the Labour leader ad-

vanced in the course of moving

that a new inquiry be held. The

Premier emphasised that the

Zinovieff revelation did not lose

the General Election for the La-

bour Party; that their general

policy vis-a-vis Russia was re-

sponsible for their failure at the

polls. He also emphasised that

Zinovieff himself had admitted

that the Letter was sent to the

Communist Party in England, and

that its authenticity, therefore,

was not in question.

Coming to the publication of

the document, the Premier relat-

ed an interesting account of how

a London business man obtained

copies and then forwarded them

to a Government department and

to the Press. This individual

categorically denied that he had

obtained assistance from anyone

employed by the Government or

that he had received payment of

any nature for disclosing the con-

tents of the Letter. From the

manner in which the Premier

made his statement and from a

consideration of the informant's

antecedents, there is no reason to

question his sincerity of motive.

That he rendered a tremendous

public service is admitted by all

phases of political opinion except

the Labour Party. The pity of it

all, from their point of view, is

that the Letter was published on

the eve of a General Election.

No Crime.

Because such an occasion is so

rare and also because it is grati-

fying, we quote the words of Mr.

Justice J. R. Wood at yesterday's

"maiden" Session at the Supreme

Court, "... more especially to

the Police department who are

responsible for the maintenance

of law and order." Sir Joseph

Kemp, the Attorney-General, said

"I might pay a tribute to

the Police whose work in the sup-

pression, detecting and punish-

ment of crime is so important."

We respectfully agree with the

sentiments but, at the same time,

point out that to other factors in

our administration is also due a

measure of praise. We do not

propose to analyse the problem of

whether the Police should prevent

or detect crime. The blank calen-

dar at the Session does not neces-

sarily denote that there was no

crime. On the whole, however,

there is no denying the fact that

the general tone of life in the

Colony has improved substantially

during the last month or two.

The wave of disorder in the neigh-

bouring province has subsided

somewhat so that the influx of

incorrigibles and bad characters
has abated. For an almost in-
definable element of security, the
public is indebted to one and all
in the Colony's administration,
from His Excellency the Governor
down to the most humble official
whose duty it is to preserve law
and order. It is here again that
the entente with the Kwangtung
Government has brought bene-
ficial results. For this and much
more, we should be truly thank-
ful!

LOCAL WEDDING.

LIEUT. PEYTON & MISS I. M.
THORNHILL.

CATHEDRAL CEREMONY.

A wedding attracting considerable
local interest was celebrated at St.
John's Cathedral yesterday after-
noon, the parties being Miss
Iris McCann Thornhill, youngest
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M.
Thornhill, of Hong Kong, and Lt.
Richard Anthony Peyton, R.N., of
H.M.S. "Argus", youngest son of
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Peyton, of
Pinner, England.

There was a large attendance at
the Cathedral, consisting of friends
of the bride and the Thornhill
family and brother officers of the
brigade. Among those present
were H.E. the Officer Commanding,
Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B.,
C.M.G., Capt. A. E. Palmer, of
H.M.S. "Argus", Wing Commander
C. E. Maude, Flight Commander
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The Very Rev. A. Swann officiat-
ed, supported by the Rev. Uiyat, of
H.M.S. "Argus".
The bride was given away by her
father and was charmingly attired
in a medieval dress of brocade
georgette over flesh pink georgette,
with train, tulle veil and orange
blossoms. She carried a bouquet
of lilies.

Attending the bride were Miss
Thornhill, Miss Marjory Parsons
and Miss Marigold Sorby who wore
pretty pink tulle picture frocks
with lace caps and carried bouquets
of pink roses.

The bride's mother was attired
in powder blue georgette and lace
with grey picture hat and carried
a bouquet of ten roses.

Lieut. A. A. Murray, R.N., of
H.M.S. "Argus" was best man and
Lieut. H. A. J. Grant and R. K.
Silcock, also of H.M.S. "Argus",
were groomsmen.

The bride and bridegroom passed
under an archway of the sword of
the bridegroom's brother-officers on
leaving the Cathedral and their car
was dragged to the Hong Kong
Hotel by a party of Air Force and
Naval men from H.M.S. "Argus".

At the reception at the Hotel a
large number of guests were enter-
tained and the health of the bride
and bridegroom was drunk with
acclamation.

Lieut. and Mrs. Peyton left later
for Fanning where the honeymoon
is to be spent. On March 24 they
leave for England. The bride's
travelling dress was a grey two-
piece suit with grey hat, shoes
and stockings to match.

Among the guests were--H. E.
Maj.-Gen. Luard and A. D. C. (Lt.
Richardson, R.O.S.B.), Capt. A. R.
Palmer, R.N., (Senior Naval Offi-
cer), and officers of H.M.S.
"Argus", Engineer Commander
Stoneman, Paymaster Commander
Cockrem, Commander H. E. Sneyd
(H.M.S. "Thracian"), Commander
and Mrs. B. Littlefield, D.S.C., R.N.,
(H.M.S. "Tamar"), Major and Mrs.
Westendorp, Mr. and Mrs. Grossman,
Mr. and Mrs. Crapnell, Mr. and
Mrs. Taggart, Lieut. and Mrs.
J. de B. Wallis, Miss Johnson, Miss
Pakenham Walsh, Miss Sutherland
and Mr. and Mrs. V. Sorby.

TEA STORE FIRE.

PREMISES IN CENTRAL
GUTTED.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morn-
ing, a fire broke out in premises oc-
cupied by a tea dealer on the second
floor of 223, Des Voeux-road West.
A foki who was returning from
the theatre discovered the outbreak
and immediately raised the alarm.
The house was emptied within a
few minutes. Above the tea shop
was a seamen's boarding house, and
the people sleeping here escaped by
climbing to the roof of the house.
The ground floor was occupied by
sundry goods, rice and oil dealers,
and realising the danger of the
flames reaching these premises, the
firemen worked hard to confine the
blaze to the tea shop. In this they
were successful, and the outbreak
was eventually suppressed after an
hour's hard fight. The tea shop
and the boarding house were com-
pletely gutted, whilst the two floors
below, and the floors of the neigh-
bouring houses suffered damage by
water.

Mr. H. W. Ray of Hong Kong
Amusements, Ltd. returned to the
Colony yesterday by the "President
Lincoln" after a business visit to
Shanghai.

THE O.S.K.

AN ATTRACTIVE DESCRIPTIVE
BOOKLET.

SCENES EN ROUTE.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha have
issued an attractive booklet which
gives descriptions and illustrations
of places visited by their ships and
of the ships themselves, including
those on the run between the Amer-
ican continent and Japan and Japan
to Formosa and other oriental
ports.

The descriptions of various
beauty spots it is possible to visit
when touching at ports of call,
with particulars of how best to get
there and how most profitably to
fill the time will be extremely handy
for impending travellers. This
applies particularly to ports in
Japan to which is devoted much
space in this convenient outline.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN
SHANGHAI.

INTEREST TO HONG KONG.

Success of the membership and
financial effort of the Chinese
Y.M.C.A., just completed at Shang-
hai, is reported in advice to hand.
This is the 28th year of Y.M.C.A.
work in Shanghai. During the past
two or three years there has been
some difficulty in securing the re-
sources to carry out the programme
of activities, owing to the very
unusual economic and political con-
ditions. The Chinese workers had
some anxiety this year and they
put forth special efforts to make
their work well known and to secure
the needed support.

Captains of Teams.
Of an annual operating expense
of \$100,830, it is necessary to
secure in members' fees and gifts
of business men, the sum of \$36,000.
To accomplish this, ten teams were
organised and an appeal was made
to the community for this amount
in a campaign which lasted from
Feb. 25 to March 16. On the
closing day, it was announced that
a total of \$86,301 had been secured
in cash.

Some of the teams that secured
the largest results were led by men
known in Hong Kong, among them
being Mr. S. K. Ing (Manager
Chow Tau Kong Co.) \$5,000; Mr.
A. T. Wong (of the British-
American Tobacco Co.) \$4,675; Mr.
W. S. Hong (Attorney-at-law)
\$4,106; Mr. N. L. Han (Manager
of National Transport Co.) \$3,967;
and Mr. T. T. Woo (Manager of
Shanghai Portland Cement Works)
\$5,813.

Hong Kong Encouraged.
At the closing dinner, Mr. Z. H.
Tong (General Secretary of the
Shanghai Chinese Y.M.C.A.) said:
"This great success is a pretty
good indication both of the con-
fidence of our friends and of
Shanghai's gradual return to
normal business conditions. By
the generous gifts of both Chinese
and European business men and
firms we are now assured that we
may go forward with our work
through another year."

This word from Shanghai has
encouraged the Hong Kong Chinese
Y.M.C.A. in its preparation for the
local campaign for \$30,000 which
is to begin on Saturday of this
week and will continue until April
11. Plans are well in hand for the
opening meeting at the Y.M.C.A. on
Bridges-street on Saturday evening.
—Contributed.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST
WEEK.

FIVE SMALL-POX CASES.

Last week's return of notifiable

disease in the Colony, as reported to

the Medical Officer of Health com-

prised seven Chinese cases, as fol-

low:—

Five of small-pox from the Kow-

loon registration district, one of en-

teric fever (typhoid) from the city,

one of cerebro-spinal fever from

the city.

From influenza (which is not

notifiable) two deaths were reported

during the week.

Colonel John M. Boyd, Mr. Mr.

Fung To-ang, Mr. C. S. Gubbay,

Mr. J. S. Gubbay, Dr. Hsiao

Ching-fang, Mr. & Mrs. H. W.

Lester, Mrs. V. Mackenzie, Miss

I. S. McGilvray, Mr. E. W. Mead

and Mr. H. W. Young were among

A CITY OF REFUGE.

FOUR EX-PRESIDENTS IN
TIENTSIN.

90 EX-MINISTERS.

Peking, March 13.
Tientsin, the port of Peking, must rank as the leading "city of refuge" in the world, if the census just completed by a Peking newspaper is correct.

The census reveals that four Chinese ex-presidents, 90 former members of the Cabinet in Peking, 36 former war-lords, and 41 former provincial governors are now living safely in the foreign concessions of Tientsin, where they are protected by extra-territoriality.

Most of these former government chiefs live very comfortably, having either been rich before they took office or having got rich while in office. Foreign houses are popular, and whole streets in some of the Tientsin concessions are occupied by wealthy Chinese refugees.

The persons mentioned do not include the scores and hundreds of wealthy businessmen who have sold their possessions in Peking and other inland cities and moved with their families to the foreign concessions of Tientsin.

This Chinese invasion, which has been repeated in Shanghai, has caused property values to soar in the Concessions, and has done much to make the Concessions good centres for foreign retail business.—United Press.

POLICE RESERVE.

GOVERNOR'S INSPECTION
POSTPONED.

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police.

Chinese Company.
Training.—Part 1. Recruits will parade at the Central Police Station on Thursday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 27 for Squad Drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Fall in on each evening at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Muff.

Flying Company.
Members who have not yet been passed out of Part 1 of Training Course will attend at the Central Police Station Compound at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Thursday, March 22 for Squad Drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. These will be no weekly instructional patrol of the Flying Squad on this date.

Sharpshooters' Company.
Equipment.—All members of the Company who have not yet returned their old leather equipment are requested to do so at the earliest moment.

Rifle Practice.—Preliminary notice is hereby given of the next regular rifle practice which will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday morning, April 8 at 10 a.m. Members will meet at the Upper Tram Station at 9.45 a.m. as before. Uniform optional.

Governor's Inspection.
The inspection by His Excellency the Governor which was provisionally fixed for March 28 is postponed: The practice parade suggested for Wednesday, March 21 is therefore cancelled.

(Sgd.) L. H. C. CALVERT,
A.S.P., Adjutant.
Hong Kong, March 20, 1928.

SHANGHAI DIVORCES

DECREE FOR J. S. CHING IN
U. S. COURT.

Shanghai, March 13.
In the action of Ching v. Ching heard in the U. S. Court for China yesterday, Judge Purdy awarded Dr. J. S. Ching, petitioner, an interlocutory decree. Mr. W. Y. Char appeared for him, and Dr. Sellett watched on behalf of the unrepresented respondent.

According to plaintiff, they were married in 1916, but his wife left him after two months. Their correspondence ceased after a short while. In 1919, he had tried to find his wife in Hawaii, her last known address, but failed. Over three years ago she had married without securing a divorce.

Mr. Char read an affidavit to the effect that respondent married in 1917, secured a divorce in 1924, and married a second time, Brewster v. Brewster.

In this action Ethel Allen Brewster, represented by Mr. S. A. Moss, brought suit for divorce against Joseph Evan Brewster, captain in the American Marine Corps, alleging habitual intemperance and gambling on the part of respondent. Plaintiff, in her evidence, said that they were married in 1921, they had one child, and that shortly after the ceremony her husband began drinking heavily. Further evidence showed that he had not supported her properly and that he had gambled extensively.

Dr. Pearson, U.S.M.C., met respondent, in 1922 and had spent

A WOMAN'S CHOICE.

SECRET OF HER FAVOURITE
BLEND.

VOGUE FOR CIGARS.

Which kind of cigarette do you really prefer? Can you smoke "gaspers" happily and continually, or do you like to choose your cigarette carefully, as you would choose clothes, or a picture, or a book?

Cigarette experts say that women have far more delicate palates than men, and that a woman who has discrimination in these things is the best judge of a tobacco—better, indeed, than the man who perhaps made the blend.

And women have developed their "cigarette palates" a great deal since the war. Before that time it was very rare to see a woman smoking—though there were more of them actually than we think to-day; but it was behind the closed doors of their own homes. During the war years women adopted the habit as a relief for tired nerves; and, in common with the general attitude of hardihood at that time, they smoked any kind of cigarette they would find.

Women Who Test Their Own Blend.
During the last few years, however, the fashion of smoking any make indiscriminately has declined in favour of keeping to one particular blend.

"Many women to-day have their own cigarettes specially made for them," said Mrs. Savory, who invented the particular blend for women which bears her name, "to their particular liking. I know one woman who will not order a cigarette until she has tried the suggested blend herself, to see if she approves of it."

"Women demand a cool and mild tobacco which will not affect their throats however many they smoke, and the secret of that is the kind of leaf used for the tobacco—I can only describe it as being like the heart of a lettuce, the tiny young inner leaves of the plant."

"If Macedonian tobacco is used, and only these leaves are chosen—there are several different varieties, of course—pure ducc can be used almost entirely. If the outer leaves are used—and some people like a stronger cigarette—the necessary smoothness and delicacy can be achieved by blending basma or saluk with the ducc."

Increased Numbers All Over The World.
"American and Canadian women—the latter especially—have taken to smoking tremendously during the last few years, and it is scarcely possible to supply them fast enough. But in the Argentine there has been a great increase of women smokers, too, and in many of the European countries—Sweden, Scandinavia, Germany—their numbers have increased by a hundred per cent. within a few years. And those are women who demand specially a woman's cigarette. Even in Egypt, where, in the military stations, it is usually supposed that women smoke much the same brand as men, there is an increasing demand for cigarettes specially suited to a woman's palate—and they specify particularly Russian, with a certain amount of Turkish."

"And—though there are still only a very few who really like it—women are beginning to smoke cigars. They have discovered after perhaps a certain amount of prejudice against it, the delicacy and fragrance of the different kind of leaf and rolling."

Women pipe smokers are still almost a rarity. That is rather odd, considering the great popularity of the pipe among men. It would be interesting to see if women smokers would create by their demand a new pipe tobacco as they have created a new kind of cigarette.

WILL TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

Paris, Feb. 21.
When Arsene Chaplain, an ex-Navy man, attempted to commit suicide by hanging in his garden at Brest, a schoolboy cut him down with a penknife. Chaplain pursued and thrashed the boy and hanged himself again.

Passers-by, instead of cutting him down, fetched the Police, who only found Chaplain's corpse.

Rangoon has been experiencing a serious epidemic of small-pox, and the Corporation health officer states that he anticipates the most severe outbreak for many years. The unusually hot weather is blamed for the epidemic.

according to his evidence, several years with him in Port au Prince, Haiti. He drank considerably, but never appeared under the influence of drink whilst on duty. He evaded his financial obligation to the best of his ability.

After Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Corbin had told of the latter's paying Mrs. Brewster's hotel bill to obviate her being ejected from a hotel, Judge Purdy took the case under advisement.

2,000 GUESTS.

LONDONDERRY HOUSE
SPLENDOR.

POLITICAL RECEPTION.

London, Feb. 7.
The perfume of hundreds of sprays of mimosa on the great staircase greeted two thousand guests when they arrived last night at Londonderry House, where Lady Londonderry acted as hostess for the Conservative Party at a great reception.

The journey up the staircase at one time took the guests half an hour, so great was the congestion.

Black Velvet Gown.
Lady Londonderry stood at the head of the stairs in the historic old house for nearly two hours to receive her guests. She wore a wonderful heavy black velvet gown that had been inspired by a Winter-halter portrait of the Empress Eugenie, designed with ruching, and against the soft darkness of its graceful folds the famous Londonderry diamonds gleamed and cast forth many sparkling lights. Her hair was adorned with a crown tara of diamonds and her necklet was a large pendant cross. Long antique earrings hung from her ears. Near her stood Lord Londonderry, the Prime Minister in his Privy Counsellor's uniform, and Mrs. Baldwin.

As the hours passed and the mass of guests on the golden staircase grew denser, so the scene inside the ballroom, where the family portraits of the Londonderrys looked down on the guests amid a shower of lights, grew more brilliant and full of colour.

Jewels.
Distinguished men and women moved slowly across the floor, and decorations and ribbons worn by peers and statesmen blended marvelously with the dresses and jewels of the women.

Those who were present included the Duke of Abercorn, the Duchess of Atholl, the Marchioness Curzon, the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Sir William Joynton-Hicks, Katherine Duchess of Westminster, the Marquis and Marchioness of Carisbrooke and Sir Victor and Lady Warrender.

The customary Ministerial dinner was given earlier in the evening by the Prime Minister at 10, Downing-street.

The Marquis of Salisbury gave an eve-of-session dinner to a number of Government supporters in the House of Lords at his house in Arlington-street.

ATLANTIC AIRMAIL.
REGULAR SERVICE THIS MONTH.

Paris, Feb. 5.
The first Trans-Atlantic air mail service contract has already been signed, and France will despatch in March mail which will be delivered in Buenos Aires inside a week by means of aeroplanes, seaplanes, and fast despatch boats.

France will gain the lead from Germany, which is building a super-Zeppelin to Spanish order which will make the journey from Seville to Buenos Aires in four days.

The French Government has subsidised, to the extent of £320,000, the Latecoere Company to establish a South Atlantic mail service. The Government has also leased to the company five naval despatch boats for the 1,325-mile stretch across the Atlantic from Cape Verde to Noronha Islands. The remainder of the distance will be covered by aeroplanes.

Time-Table.
The time taken between Paris and Buenos Aires is as follows:—Paris-Toulouse, by express train, 15 hours; Toulouse-Casablanca, by aeroplane, 13 hours; Casablanca-St. Louis, Senegal by aeroplane, 1½ days; St. Louis-Cape Verde, by seaplane, 3½ days; Cape Verde-Noronha Islands, by despatch boat, 3½ days; Noronha-Pernambuco, by seaplane, 5 hours; Pernambuco-Rio de Janeiro, by aeroplane, 14 hours; Rio de Janeiro-Buenos Aires, by aeroplane, 15 hours.

The Argentine and Uruguayan Governments have already given mail-carrying contracts to the French firm, and Brazil and Chile are expected to do the same.

Postal officials estimate that 70,000,000 letters are carried annually between Europe and South America. The aeroplanes will also carry several passengers, and the naval despatch boats have been altered to accommodate passengers.—B.U.P.

A Chinese policeman informed the Shanghai Court last week that he had warned two Russians for begging in Museum and Soochow roads and when he spoke to them the two men turned and assaulted him. They were both arrested and charged with assaulting the police. After hearing the evidence of the C.P.C. and the donals of the accused the Court sentenced them to one month's imprisonment.

PAYS HIS FARE.

GENERAL CHIANG AND THE
RAILWAYS.

SPLENDID EXAMPLE.

With General Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist leader, himself setting an example by paying his own railway fares as he dashes up and down the railway between Shanghai and Nanking, the millennium in railway administration in Nationalist China approaches.

Contrary to the general practice of military officials, who generally travel in the best of railway trains without paying a cent of fare, General Chiang recently established an unusual precedent by travelling from Nanking to Shanghai by ordinary train and paying his own railway fares. He did this following an order to his officers that the era of free railway rides is over.

It was reported that General Chiang continued the practice, and through his representative in Shanghai, he sent a cheque for \$608.16 to the Shanghai-Nanking Railway Administration to cover the cost of the special train arranged for him and his family a week ago when he travelled from Shanghai to the Nationalist capital.

As the local railways have lost considerable money in previous military regimes through free rides for soldiers, it is expected that quite a big revenue will be obtained from this source as the indications are that the Nationalist authorities will enforce the order "No free rides." Mr. Li Chung-kung, Vice-Minister of Communications, who arrived from Nanking, bought his own ticket, the Kuo Wen agency states.

Nanking reports state that a special department has been established to control military trains and transportation which will insist that no military officer, henceforth, can commandeer a train direct from the railway administration, but must obtain it in a proper manner through the department.

CINEMA NOTES.

GLORIA SWANSON AT THE
WORLD.

The picture at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, "A Society Scandal," was adapted from Alfred Sutor's play, "The Laughing Lady." Gloria Swanson has the role of a society beauty who, involved innocently in a compromising situation with a rotter, is sued for divorce by her weakling husband. On the stand her husband's lawyer, a handsome, young, and over-zealous attorney, tears her reputation to shreds. Whereupon it becomes the fair divorcee's chief aim in life to humiliate the lawyer in some way for the ruin he has wrought upon her socially. The piquant manner in which she accomplishes her purpose and the surprising result are pictured in a most engrossing manner.

"THE MIDNIGHT GIRL."
A dramatic story, interpreted by a strong cast of players, describes "The Midnight Girl," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The theme deals with a wealthy patron of arts who casts aside his protegee because of her advancing years and who desires someone younger and more beautiful—made still more interesting through counterplots and romantic conflicts. A feature of the picture is emotional acting ability of Lila Lee, the heroine, who is ably supported by Gareth Hughes and Dolores Cassinelli. "The Midnight Girl" was directed by Wilfred Noy.

Two Chinese cases of small-pox from the city registration district were notified to the Medical Officer of Health on Monday.

Mr. K. L. Dugan, of the National City Bank of New York, has come to the local office, arriving yesterday on the "President Lincoln."

Among the through passengers to Manila on the "President Lincoln," arrived at Hong Kong yesterday from Seattle via Japan and Shanghai were:—Mr. Sherman Bachrach (an export merchant), who will be going on to Singapore; Mrs. W. A. Chittick (wife of Mr. Chittick of the Honolulu Dock and Iron Works, Manila); Miss Elaine Clark (a Girl Guide leader); Mr. T. Hassom (Messrs. J. D. Ramani & Co., silk merchants); Deaconess Charlotte G. Massey (Episcopal Board); Mr. J. D. Ramani and Mr. A. Pessomai (Messrs. D. Chellaram & Co., silk merchants), returning from a business trip to Japan; Mr. R. A. Seifert (in the plumbing supply business) with Mrs. Seifert; Mrs. L. L. Spellman (wife of the manager, Macleod & Co.); Mr. J. M. Sullivan (a New York salesman).

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre;

"Seventh Heaven."

To-day—World Theatre; "A Society Scandal."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Midnight Girl."

To-day—Special Concert, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.45 p.m.

March 22—Dance, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 22—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 22-24—World Theatre; "You Never Know Women."

March 22-24—Star Theatre; "Hold That Lion."

March 23—Dance, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 24—Music, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 25-26—Queen's Theatre; "The Campus Flirt."

March 25-26—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20 "The Little Irish Girl," at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese drama, "The Monkey Monk."

March 25-26—Star Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."

March 27-28—Queen's Theatre; "On Your Toes."

March 27-28—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20, "Dancing Mothers," at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese drama, "The Monkey Monk."

March 27-28—Star Theatre; "Drusilla with a Million."

March 29-31—Queen's Theatre; "The Unknown," also at all performances, Miss Chee Toy in popular new numbers.

March 29-31—Star Theatre; "The Runaway."

April 3—At the Star Theatre, Kowloon, the Wilbur Players present their opening performance.

Sports.

To-day—Exhibition Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 9 p.m.

To-day—Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

To-day—R.H.K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanling.

March 21—Whist Drive at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7 p.m.

March 21—Billiards match at Palace Hotel, 6 p.m.

March 21—Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

March 21—Annual Billiard tournament of the Craignower Cricket Club.

March 22—Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 23—Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 24—Annual University Athletic sports, 4 p.m.

March 31—Fanning Hunt Steeplechase (Easter Meeting).

Lammas' Auctions.

March 21-22—At 13, Queen's-rd. Central, goods and chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron, 10 a.m.

March 23—At 12 Chatham-rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, fine blackwood dining room suite, a collection of Curios, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

To-day—Yearly meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldgs., noon.

To-day—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club at V.R.C., 6 p.m.

March 21—Thirty-ninth annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

March 21—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Assn. in Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

March 21—Address by Adjutant A. Harris of the Salvation Army, at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club.

March 22—H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., meeting, St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

March 22—Meeting of Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., Powell's Bldg., 8 p.m.

March 23—Victoria Diocesan Assn. Meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

March 26—Fifty-ninth general meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., noon.

Miscellaneous.

March 21—Rev. R. T. Venn, M.A., R.N., preaches on the "Meaning of Forgiveness" at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

March 23—Reception at Savoy Hotel to Mr. K. S. Chowdhury, first Indian barrister, 5.15 p.m.

March 26—Lady Shou-son Chow distributes prizes at Wah Yan College.

March 30—Annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, 8 p.m.

NOTICE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association will take place **TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY)** 21st at 5.30 p.m. in Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company's board room.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A farewell dinner to the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard will be held in the Chinese Merchants Club, China Building, to-morrow evening.

Lady Shou-son Chow has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at Wah Yan College on Monday next. Mr. E. Ralphs, the Inspector of English Schools, will preside.

Three natives have been condemned to death for the murder of Mr. Neville Richard Arnold, a rubber planter, of Victoria Point, Lower Burma, in September last.

The Italian Minister of Kovno, Signor Amadori, in the name of the King of Italy has handed President Shetona the insignia of the Grand Cordon of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus.

Mr. D. J. De Villiers, member of the Executive of the Orange Free State Provincial Council, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Charles Plenaar as Union of South Africa Trade Commissioner in Milan.

A German commercial aeroplane carrying mails and several passengers was forced to come down in the Place de Mardyk, Dunkirk, owing to engine trouble. No damage was done to the machine, and none of the passengers was injured.



It is reported that Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark is engaged to Princess Ingrid of Sweden.

The motion "that labour saving devices encourage laziness" was carried by a small majority at a St. Peter's Club debate last evening when the movers for the affirmative were the Rev. E. K. Quick and the Rev. E. W. L. Martin and for the negative, Mr. S. V. Boxer and Mr. E. A. Len.

During a circus performance at Marrakesh, in Morocco, a lion escaped from its cage. The spectators fled panic-stricken, but the lion's only victim was a performing dog, which it caught and devoured on the spot. Troops and police helped the lion-tamer to round up the beast, which was finally driven back to its cage.

An inquest in Shanghai on the body of a Chinese wharf labourer employed on the s.s. "Carmarthen-shire," who was killed as the result of a fall down the hold of the vessel, was held in the Provisional Court last week. The verdict was in accordance with the evidence which showed that the deceased had died as the result of a fall.

As the result of the trial by court-martial at Bucharest of three persons charged with espionage on behalf of the Soviets, one of the accused, Maria Loebel, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, another, a student named Paul Schor, to three years'. The third accused, Tzezhinevski, was discharged, having turned King's evidence.

While chasing liquor-smugglers in the coastal district near Bjorneborg, Finland, the police found large stores of liquor in the house of a member of the local Prohibition Supervisory Board. Both he and his assistant have been arrested. They had for years past been helping smugglers to store and distribute alcohol. Both were known as ardent temperance workers.

The new Nationalist bureau for Shanghai Annual Government Land Tax with Mr. Ziar Jen-zue as its head has been established at 112A, Peking-road, following the withdrawal of the Annual Government Land Tax of Shanghai area from the Bank of China by the Shanghai Magistracy commencing from January 1, 1928. Mr. Kiang, the Shanghai Magistracy has already requested Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Nationalist Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Shanghai, to notify Consuls of Shanghai to that effect.

To-morrow is Ch'un-fen (the Vernal Equinox) in the Chinese calendar.

Forty beggars who were rounded up in the Colony, were removed to Kowloon yesterday and boarded the train for deportation to Canton.

The auction by Messrs. Lammet Bros. of the goods and chattels of Mrs. Cameron, at No. 13, Queen's-road Central, begins at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The Rev. R. T. Venn, M.A., R.N., chaplain of H.M.S. "Titanic," preaches on the "Meaning of Forgiveness" at St. John's Cathedral to-morrow, at the 5.30 p.m. service.

Geneva, March 19.—The Turkish Delegation to the Preparatory Disarmament Conference, headed by the Foreign Commissar Tewfik Rushdi, arrived and was greeted at the station on behalf of M. Litvinoff. They will attend the meeting of the Commission this afternoon when the Soviet plan of complete disarmament is expected to be discussed.—Reuter.

Four Chinese charged with being connected with a Triad Society, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon after a remand from last week. The police withdrew against three of the defendants, and the Magistrate eventually discharged the fourth man because there was no evidence other than that incriminating documents were found in a pillow which one of the others was using.

Yesterday afternoon Major C. Willson gave a further adjournment in the case in which a Chinese police coxswain is charged with demanding a bribe of \$200 from a boatwoman following a raid for opium on board the latter's junk. A Chinese constable told the Court yesterday that whilst on search duty on Wing Lok wharf he overheard a conversation between the accused and the boatwoman and he took them both to the Central Police Station.

Claiming that "the General" had sent him to attend the wedding, a shabbily dressed Chinese who is believed to be mentally deranged, created a scene at St. John's Cathedral yesterday when he stroled inside and refused to leave when asked to do so. When eventually a Police Sergeant and a soldier attempted to drag him outside, the man became very abusive in broken English. He was removed just before the arrival of the bride, and is now undergoing medical observation.

The "President Grant" had a large complement of passengers when she arrived at Hong Kong yesterday from Manila. Among those who disembarked here were Brother Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Bode, Mr. G. Cuivillier, Mr. J. E. Duran, Rev. J. Fitzgerald, Mr. W. L. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Stein. Through passengers include Colonel Henry C. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sutterlee for Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. G. Traber for Kobe; Rev. T. English, Rev. M. Hayes, Rev. E. O'Brien and Rev. J. O'Brien for Yokohama; Mr. S. Blackburn, Mr. C. Pierce and Mr. E. Roberts for Seattle.

Mrs. E. H. Haskins, Miss G. Emily Haskins, the Rev. Robert Williams and Mrs. Williams arrived at Shanghai by the "Empress of Asia" and were guests at Bethel Mission, 17 Arsenal-road. Miss Haskins is a missionary of that Mission and was called home last year because of the illness of her mother. She has now returned for a prolonged visit at Bethel and the party will go on later to Japan and Korea. Mrs. Haskins is a cousin of Dr. Rosetta Hall, a missionary of many years, engaged in medical work in Seoul. Bethel Mission has been enjoying a series of daily lectures by Mr. Williams, on his extensive travels through Palestine and Egypt. Miss Haskins will return with her family to America States and will be engaged in deputations work on furlough.

A Chinese coolie appeared in the dock of the Shanghai Provisional Court last week when an Indian member of the British Defence Force charged him with the theft of a basket of cakes. It appears that the Indian, who belonged to the 6th Armoured Car Company, was travelling back to the camp from the Hongke Bakery and was carrying three baskets of cakes in the front of the ricksha and had two others on the hood at the back. The accused came up behind the ricksha and snatched one of the baskets but the complainant chased him and recovered the cakes at the same time handing the accused over to the police. The accused said that the basket had fallen from the ricksha and he had merely picked it up to prevent it being spoiled by the traffic. He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

The meeting of the International Juridical Air Congress, which was to have been held on March 27, has been postponed to May 28.

Adjutant A. Harris of the Salvation Army is giving an address on "With the poor in North China" at the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club to-morrow night.

A reception will be given at Hotel Savoy at 5.15 p.m. on Friday next, to Mr. K. S. Chowdhury, the first Indian barrister to be admitted to practice locally. The hosts are the Khalsa Diwan.

Three Chinese beggars died of the bitter cold which swept Shanghai on Monday morning of last week. Their bodies were found in the streets and were taken to the French mortuary for identification.

The students at the school of textile engineers at Verviers, Belgium, have been on strike. They complained that there was insufficient accommodation for laboratories, apartments, and weaving and spinning mills.

Owing to disturbances in Khuzistan, the Persian Government has appointed General Farajullah Khan, late Director of Conscription in Teheran, to be the new Governor-General of the province.



Henry Breckinridge, former Assistant Secretary of War, who has been elected Captain of the 1928 American Olympic fencing team. The final selection of the team will not be made until later in the season.

Among the meetings held last week to observe the third anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen was one outside the Chinese Naval headquarters at Shanghai, when Admiral Yang Shu-chwang, head of the Nationalist Navy, addressed 200 sailors and marines. During the meeting, a seaplane flew over the district and dropped Kuomintang leaflets.

Owing to the fact that the British Supreme Court Judges were both engaged in the Appellate Court one day last week, the adjourned hearing of the charge against Kaphur Singh, an Indian charged with the possession of seditious literature, was again adjourned. Bail was allowed in two sums of \$250 each. Mr. G. H. Wright appeared for the police and Mr. Tycho Wing for the accused.

A Chinese coolie who was riding in a ricksha in East Yuhang-road, Shanghai, last Monday evening, was stopped by a Chinese constable and when searched was found to have 28 rounds of pistol ammunition in his possession. When taken to the police station he said he had been sent to buy the ammunition at one of the local wharves and take it to a man in Kungking-road. He was remanded for inquiries.

Admission of liability was made in the course of a claim for architect's fees in the Summary Court yesterday but defendant asked for time in which to pay. Plaintiffs were Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs and defendant was Kan San-yat. The claim was in respect of fees for plans, supervision, etc., for work on Kowloon Island Lot No. 1420, and for correspondence in regard to the changing of a plot of land in Kowloon.

Mr. Seijiro Tanaka, honorary secretary of the Russo-Japanese Society, who recently visited Moscow accompanying Viscount Shimpei Goto, left Tokyo for Russia last week. His mission is to inspect the Russo-Japanese School and the commercial museum in Harbin which are under the management of the Russo-Japanese Society and to inspect the enterprise of the Union of Japanese traders with Russia. Mr. Tanaka will also visit Blagoveschensk and Khabarovsk and see leading Russian officials and civilians there.

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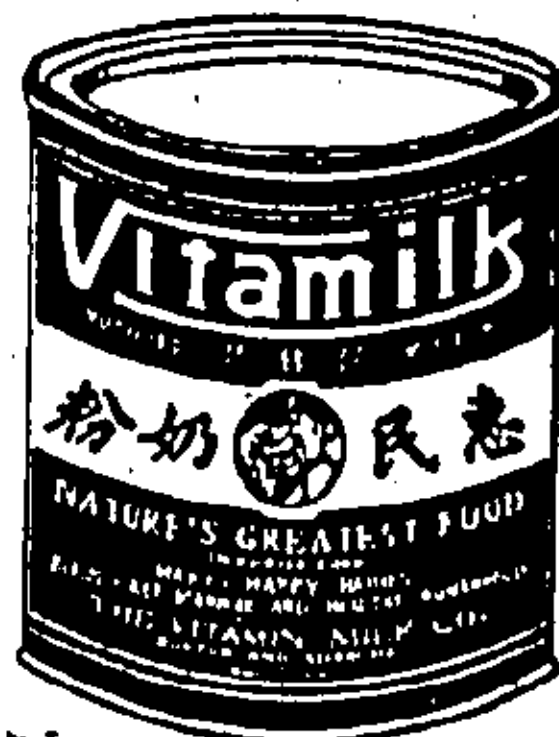
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Sport Columns

A BRITON WINS.

European Flyweight Boxing.

FRENCH CHAMPION DEFEATED.

Johnny Hill Gets Verdict On Points.

London, Yesterday. Johnny Hill (British champion) won on points to-night (from Emile Pladner (French champion) in a 20 rounds' contest at the National Sporting Club for the European flyweight boxing championship.

Both men weighed in during the afternoon at 11½ lbs.—Reuter. Elky Clark returned the Lonsdale belt last year after the injury to his eyes at the hands of Fidel la Barba, the world's flyweight champion.

Johnny Hill of Leith was British amateur champion in 1926. On May 30, 1927 he beat in 14 rounds Alf Barber of Brighton, another ex-amateur, in a fight for the British title and belt.

PHIL SCOTT WINS.

POINTS VICTORY OVER BELGIAN.

New York, Yesterday. In a 10 round heavyweight contest Phil Scott, the British champion, outpointed Pierre Charles the Belgian champion.—Reuter's American Service.

GIVING WEIGHT.

COMPARISON WITH MICKEY WALKER.

Mickey Walker, a good fighting middleweight champion and probably willing to fight any middleweight now that Tiger Flowers has passed on, is being rushed along into the light-heavyweight class.

To date Mickey has knocked out Mike M'Tigue and beaten Paul Berlenbach on points in a ten round bout fought in Chicago.

This is heralded for Mickey, as a record breaking performance. But it isn't. In the first place M'Tigue, an aged veteran and former light-heavyweight champion, is little more than a middleweight and has been slipping for a couple of years, says Robert Edgren, the famous American sports writer.

Berlenbach, another former light-heavyweight, has been completely out of the fighting for a year or more, hardly a trace of his old fighting left. He has lost even his punch and his ability to take punches without going groggy—two of the three fighting assets that made him a great battler a few years ago.

The third, a fighting heart he still has, but a fighting heart with nothing to back it is nothing to rely upon when fists are flying.

Old Middleweight Champs, Better. Walker couldn't stop Berlenbach. Can anyone imagine "Punch" em Paul, as he is now, standing up ten rounds against Bob Fitzsimmons when Bob was middleweight and heavyweight champion? Or one round?

There have been middleweights who could fight out of their class. Bob Fitzsimmons weighed 147 when he knocked out Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil, and won the middleweight title. He weighed 156 when he knocked out Jim Corbett and won the heavyweight crown.

Mickey is a good rough middleweight, but I doubt that he could lay a glove on a boxer like Jim Corbett in ten rounds.

Stanley Ketchel fought six rounds with Sam Langford when Sam was a great heavyweight. It was a very even fight, Ketchel leading in the last three after one of his right hooks cut Sam's scalp for several inches above Sam's left ear.

Knocked Him Cold. Stanley knocked out Jack O'Brien just at the end of the tenth round in New York—knocked him cold for half a minute or more, only to have the bell interfere at eight seconds and save O'Brien from an official KO.

Shortly afterwards he knocked out O'Brien in three rounds in Philadelphia. O'Brien had won the light-heavyweight title from old Bob Fitzsimmons, who collapsed in his corner after the 13th round. Bob was then forty-three years old.

Ketchel knocked out Porky Flynn, a clever heavyweight, and Jim Smith, slugging heavyweight, in three and five rounds. He fought Jack Johnson for the heavyweight crown in Colma, California, put Johnson down for a nine count in the 12th round, and was knocked out by Johnson in the mix up that followed. Ketchel weighed 158 pounds, Johnson over 200.

Greatest Combination. Tommy Ryan, as clever as any fighter ever seen in any ring, and

BOTTOM CLUBS.

DO WELL IN MID-WEEK MATCHES.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

Victories for three clubs, each near the bottom of the table in their respective divisions, were recorded yesterday in the Home football league.

Portsmouth did very well to win by three-nil in London. As a result they jump five places in the table (from second last position).

Barnsley went a step further from relegation from division II and, at the same time, reduced the slender hopes of Stoke's promotion.

Luton, the bottom club in the southern section, accounted for Northampton, thereby performing a service to Millwall, the leaders in the section. Details follow:—

London, Yesterday. League matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted as follows:—

Division I.
Tottenham 0, Portsmouth 3.
Division II.
Barnsley 3, Stoke 1.
Division III (South).
Luton 2, Northampton 0.—Reuter.

The tables now stand as follows:—

Division I.	Goals.
Huddersfield	32 18 8 75 54 42
Everton	32 14 10 75 54 42
Cardiff	32 15 8 10 53 33
Leicester	32 15 7 11 72 60 37
Bolton	32 14 8 11 55 57 35
Blackburn	32 13 9 11 50 57 35
Newcastle	32 12 10 10 66 62 34
Burnley	32 14 5 15 63 75 33
Sunderland	32 12 8 11 63 59 32
Arsenal	32 12 8 11 68 70 32
West Ham	32 12 8 13 65 69 32
Tottenham	32 13 6 14 63 67 32
Bury	32 15 2 17 60 68 32
Liverpool	32 11 5 13 73 67 31
Birmingham	32 9 13 11 55 63 31
Portsmouth	32 12 7 14 54 73 31
Aston Villa	32 12 6 13 62 62 30
Derby	32 11 8 13 60 68 30
Middlesbrough	32 10 10 13 60 71 30
Sheff. Utd.	32 11 7 14 49 56 29
Sheff. Wed.	32 11 7 14 59 68 29
Wednesday	32 6 10 16 56 67 22

Division II.	Goals.
Chelsea	32 20 7 6 63 31 47
Manchester	32 18 6 7 78 46 44
Preston N.E.	32 18 7 7 74 45 44
Leeds	32 19 6 8 81 51 44
Stoke	32 16 7 10 59 49 39
Oldham	32 16 6 10 60 37 38
West Brom.	32 14 9 10 77 57 37
Notts Forest	32 14 8 11 64 61 34
Port Vale	32 15 4 13 57 47 34
Swansea	32 13 8 11 61 56 34
Bristol City	32 13 7 13 66 67 33
Grimsby	32 11 10 13 49 66 32
Hull	32 11 11 35 41 29
Reading	32 10 9 13 46 60 29
Barnsley	32 10 8 15 44 70 29
Clayton	32 10 7 15 46 67 27
Notts. Cnty.	32 9 9 15 63 66 27
Fulham	32 10 5 17 61 73 25
Wolves	32 9 7 16 63 79 25
Southampton	32 9 7 17 61 62 25
Blackpool	32 9 7 17 63 62 25
Sh. Shields	32 5 6 22 44 93 16

Division III. (South).	Goals.
Millwall	32 21 5 6 98 45 47
Northants	32 18 6 7 81 50 42
Flymouth	32 17 6 10 69 45 39
Exeter	32 14 9 8 63 42 37
Brighton	32 14 9 9 64 55 37
Queen's P.R.	32 15 6 11 64 41 36
Newport	32 14 7 10 64 54 35
Crystal Pal.	32 13 9 10 69 59 35
Southend	32 14 4 13 55 54 32
Bradford	32 12 5 15 58 61 31
Gillingham	32 11 8 11 48 51 30
Charlton	32 10 10 10 42 54 30
Bournemouth	32 11 7 13 67 60 29
Norwich	32 11 8 14 55 59 25
Watford	32 10 8 16 61 62 25
Ristol	32 10 8 16 71 25
Merthyr	32 8 9 16 46 73 25
Coventry	32 9 6 16 53 71 24
Walsall	32 9 6 18 54 80 24
Luton	32 9 5 17 68 74 23
Torquay	32 6 10 15 39 81 22

AMATEUR CUP.

Leyton Qualify For The Final.

London, March 10. The semi-finals of the F.A. Amateur Cup were played to-day. Leyton had Cambridge Town as opponents and won comfortably by 5 goals to 2. In the other semi-final Cockfield and Willington, the two Northern League rivals, drew 2-2.

The annual match between Eton and Old Etonians resulted in a win for the Old Etonians by 4 goals to 2.

middleweight champion, was one of the greatest combinations of boxer and fighter I've ever seen. He taught Jim Jeffries how to fight and beat Fitzsimmons, and he could stand up and give Jeff a hard fight any day in the training quarters, if Jeff didn't cut loose too hard.

He boxed six rounds with Tom Sharkey, no decision, knocked out Kid Carter, who was a terror among the big fellows, and knocked out John Wille, Jeff Thorn, Tim Murphy, Billy Stiff and a lot of other heavyweights.

Mickey may make a reputation beating a lot of old relics of the light-heavyweight class, but he hasn't yet shown that he's headed, as his manager claims, for the light-heavyweight and the heavyweight titles.

RIFLE MATCH.

THREE SCOTTISH UNITS ENGAGED.

DISTINGUISHED GATHERING.

Out of a possible of 1,040 points, the scores obtained in the Scottish triangular rifle match, arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer at Stonecutters Island on Sunday, were as follows:—
2nd Batt. Scots Guards 889
2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish.

Borderers 853
Scottish Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps 820
Transport was arranged by Mr. Dyer. Refreshments were in the hands of 2nd Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E. (H.K.V.D.C.), Mr. C. Bond and others. Hospitality was provided also by Mr. Dyer. The battalion and pipe bands of the Kosbies played during the tiffin. The officers for the shoot were:—

In charge of butts: 2nd Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.
Firing point: Lt. A. Mackenzie and C.S.M. D. J. Purves.
Umpire: Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C.

Among those present were H.E. the G.O.C. (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), Lt.-Col. Sir Victor A. F. Mackenzie, D.S.O., M.V.O. (C.O. 2nd Scots Guards), Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. (C.O. 2nd K.O.S.B.), Lt.-Col. G. Bird, D.S.O. (Commandant H.K.V.D.C.), the President and Vice-President of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society.

Conditions and Scores. Each team had eight men. Individual scores of each team in the first event (Table "T" part 2) are given below.

A means 5 rounds 'grouping,' 100 yards.

B: 5 rounds application, 200 yards.

C: 5 rounds snaphooting, 200 yards.

D: 10 rounds rapid, 200 yards.

E: 5 rounds application, 500 yards.

F: total.

The second event was the attack, to score by teams, conditions as follows:—

On butts being signalled, teams load, sights to 300-yards.

On appearance of large silhouette targets, advance to 300 yards and fire.

Interval of 20 seconds, sights altered to 200 yards, advance and fire, and again to 100 yards.

Scores were as follows:—
2nd Batt. Scots Guards. A. C. D. E. F.
C.S.M. Proven 20 13 10 13 106
R.S.M. Murray 20 19 19 30 104
Piper Taylor 20 18 19 26 102
Sgt. Quinn 25 19 18 30 102
Sgt. Slater 20 18 16 30 100
Sgt. Lee 20 18 15 30 14 97

Glam. Mc-Graham 20 17 15 30 12 94
Lt. Sgt. Jeffrey 20 14 15 29 12 90

(add) Attack 795

Total 889

2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. A. C. D. E. F.
Sgt. Cooke 25 17 16 30 105
Sgt. Barham 20 18 20 25 102
Lt. C. Oxenham 20 18 17 28 97
Pte. Stewart 20 18 18 30 11 97
Sgt. Watts 20 17 28 13 95
Cpl. McGill 20 17 13 30 94
Pte. Lindero 20 17 15 20 14 92
Cpl. Yardley 15 17 15 24 12 83

Total 765

(add) Attack 88

Total 853

Scottish Co. H.K.V.D.C. A. C. D. E. F.
Cpl. Lyon 20 10 18 30 14 101
Sgt. Cuthill 20 16 18 29 17 100
Pte. Stopani 20 13 18 29 16 96
Thomson 20 17 18 29 13 96
Piper Nibbet 20 17 18 29 13 96

L/Sgt. Good-man 20 17 14 30 13 94
Pte. Boulton 15 15 13 27 19 89
Pte. Maxwell 20 14 12 30 9 85
Sgt. Young 20 14 16 21 6 77

(add) Attack 738

Total 820

Individual Scores.

The best individual scores were:—

First Event. Total.
C.S.M. Proven (2nd Scots Guards) 106 119
R.S.M. Murray 2nd Scots Guards) 104 116
Sgt. Cooke (2nd K.O.S.B.) 105 116
Sgt. Quinn (2nd Scots Guards) 102 115
Cpl. D. Lyon (Scottish Co. H.K.V.D.C.) 101 114

Cups Presented.

After the shoot, the whole company of about 200 sat down to tiffin.

Mr. Dyer said he thought it was unique in the history of the Colony to have two Scottish battalions here. With regard to the Scots Guards, he thought this was the most distant station the regiment had ever been to.

Mr. Dyer presented cups to the winning team, the Scots Guards, and also awards to the K.O.S.B. and Scottish Co. H.K.V.D.C.

On behalf of the Scottish Company, Captain K. S. Morrison expressed thanks to Mr. Dyer for an enjoyable function, only made possible by Mr. Dyer's hospitality.

Sir Victor Mackenzie replied on behalf of the Scots Guards, also expressing warm thanks to Mr.

BILLIARDS.

HONG KONG LEAD IN THE INTERPORT.

L. OSMUND v. MEDINA.

The Portuguese billiards Interport was opened at the Lusitano Club last evening when Hong Kong drew first blood through L. A. Osmund defeating J. Medina (Shanghai), by 500 points to 409.

Medina, who was playing his first big game in public, was obviously nervous in the opening stages of the game and seemed unable to do anything right. Osmund was favoured by "joss" in his earlier visits to the table and made good use of the opportunity.

The first 250 was a runaway affair for the local man who reached the half way mark with Medina just past 100. The balls had been running unkindly for the visitor. Neither settled down to good positional play.

After this Medina improved, and reached 300 with Osmund confined to difficult positions which brought him points very slowly.

When Osmund was in his last 100, Medina made two useful breaks of 38 and 34 which brought him close to the Hong Kong man. Then Osmund got out of the rut and succeeded in completing his 500 with an advantage of 91 points.

Both men did not play the class of billiards they are capable of. Thanks to a fluke after scoring an uncertain 18 in the earlier stages of the game, Osmund was given a "life" which enabled him to make his highest break of 43.

The highest breaks of the match were:—

Osmund:—43, 30, 28, 26 (twice), 21, 20.

Medina:—38, 34, 27, 23.

To-night's Matches.

To-night's matches are as follows:—

Interport.—C. F. Vas (Hong Kong) v. A. A. Silva (Shanghai), at 6 p.m.

Exhibition.—A. J. Osmund (Hong Kong) v. E. D. Bush (Shanghai), at 9 p.m.

The Trophies.

There are six matches in the series.

Prizes will be distributed on March 27 by the Consul-General for Portugal, Mr. A. C. L. de Albuquerque e Castro. The winning team will be presented with a shield donated by the Portuguese firms in Hong Kong. Trophies for winners are provided by Mr. C. A. da Rosa, while Mr. L. Dunbar, the owner of the "Bay" stable at the races, has given a cup called the "Bays" Cup for the highest break. The Club Lusitano is giving a cup to the competitor who returns the highest average during the match.

CLUB MATCH.

St. Patrick's Defeat Petty Officers.

St. Patrick's Club beat the Chief and Petty Officers' Club for the second time in a six-a-side billiards match, winning by 251 points and five games out of six. Scores:—

St. Patrick's Club.
E. Nuttall 146
L. E. Remedios 150
A. C. Rozario 150
A. V. Remedios 150
J. M. V. Ribeiro 150
J. Harres 150

Total 896

Chief & Petty Officers' Club.
Jnr. Light 150
S.E.P.O. Fyne 123
C.P.O. Brokenspire 90
C.P.O. Best 78
C.P.O. Davies 102
P.O. Welloorne 102

Total 645

Reminder: annual meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association in Messrs. Jardine's board room at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai Rowing Club was held on February 29, when the committee's report and accounts for the past year were presented, and officers for the current year elected.

The following will play for the Kowloon Football Club in their 1st division league match v. Club de Recreio at King's Park to-morrow, kick off 4.45 p.m. sharp:—
Angus; Wheeler; Dodehon; Hedley; Sims; McKelvie; Reed; Kernick; Northey, Muir, Vickers.

Dyer. Similar sentiments were expressed by Lt.-Col. Comyn on behalf of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. In conclusion, Col. Comyn called upon the company to drink to the health of Mr. Dyer with Highland honours, the toast being received with acclamation and was drunk with enthusiasm.

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Yesterday's results in the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament were:—

Open Singles: Rev. F. P. W. Alexander beat A. D. Humphreys 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.

Open Doubles: H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn beat G. C. Grove and A. H. Crook 6-0, 6-1, 6-1; S. E. Green and D. S. Green beat S. Fukushima and T. Fujimori 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; Ho Wai-hing and Chan So beat G. F. H. Richard and Lt. Waters 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-8, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A": O. C. Womack (rec. 5/8) beat H. Owen Hughes (scr.) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles: R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley (owe 15) beat C. H. Bradley and Major C. Willson (rec. 15) 6-4, 6-4; H. R. Phillips and C. C. Stark (rec. 1/6) beat Capt. E. H. Jacobs Larkcom and Capt. B. R. Forster (scr.) 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

To-day's matches.

Open Doubles: Major Lucas and Major Stevenson v. Lim Peng-chin and A. A. Rumjahn; Ho Kailau and Yew Man-kit v. Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung; R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley v. Y. Sasaki and T. Isomura.

Club Championship Singles: C. C. Stark v. G. C. Grove; A. H. Crook v. E. D. Lawrence.

Handicap Singles "A": J. G. Lawrie (owe 3/6) v. R. K. Valentine (rec. 5/6); Lt.-Col. F. J. Wyatt (rec. 15) v. W. A. Nowers (rec. 4/8).

Handicap Doubles: S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 15) v. C. L. C. Sandes and H. Graves (rec. 5/6).

GREATEST "STAR."

DEVEREUX MILBURN IN POLO.

TOO OLD TO PLAY?

"I'm through. It's time for some of the young fellows to take over the responsibility and the work of keeping the polo cup in the United States."

With these words Devereux Milburn, the greatest back in the world, star and hero of every American "Big Four" since 1909 and one of the best known sportsmen in the world, served notice that the United States will have to defend the international cup without him in the future.

"I'll be 49 when the time comes for the next cup matches. That's too old. The young fellows will have to step in some time and there is no better time than right now. If I kept on playing, I might be kept on the team through sentiment and I would be depriving some young player of a place that belongs to him."

Next "Big Four."

Fortunately, and perhaps it influenced his decision to make room for youth, the United States Polo Association is in good circumstances to develop a successor for Milburn without risking a fatal weakness in the next "Big Four," says Mr. Henry L. Farrell.

Of the four players who overwhelmed the British All-India challenges last summer in the cup matches, three remain who are almost certain of their places. They are Tommy Hitchcock, the world's greatest forward, Malcolm Stevenson, who recently was raised to a ten-goal handicap man with Milburn and Hitchcock, and Watson Webb, an eight-goal

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RADIO TOPICS

THE CRYSTAL.

ITS USE IN VALVE
SETS.

PROBLEMS OF SELECTIVITY.

A reader of the "Morning Post" has written asking me why a crystal detector is not used in wireless receivers instead of a valve detector. He explains that when purity of reproduction is the main consideration, adjustable reaction is not required, and he thinks the saving that would be effected by using a crystal in place of a valve would be worth while.

A crystal detector is, of course, quite a cheap component; a good one costs about half as much as a valve, and does not have to be supplied with current as a valve does. But it must be remembered that a crystal detector is not so trustworthy as a valve.

A crystal detector is liable to lose its sensitivity. A knock or a jar may put it out of action until a readjustment is made, and very often some little time has to be spent in setting the detector for the best results.

Crystal detectors of the semi-permanent type are usually not so sensitive as those comprising a piece of crystal and a wire contact, so that on the score of reliability alone the valve is superior.

Distortion.

A crystal detector cannot amplify; a valve can and does. When a valve of the "resistance capacity" type is used for detection a considerable amount of amplification is obtained, and even when a valve of the medium impedance type especially designed for rectification is employed, with a transformer coupling, the signal is magnified by a considerable amount.

It is not true that a crystal detector rectifies without distortion. It does distort weak signals, and it is always advisable to use a stage of high frequency amplification before a crystal detector when the best results are required. The stage of high frequency amplification is not required when the set is connected with an outdoor aerial, not far from a broadcast station, but must be used when the distance is, say, ten miles or more.

The selectivity of a receiver having a crystal detector is very often not nearly so good as a set having a valve rectifier.

The selectivity can be improved by properly proportioning the circuit. Connect the detector across a portion of the coil; this improves selectivity and also the signal strength, but the tapping should not be made too near the earth end of the coil or selectivity will be obtained at the expense of strength.

A crystal receiver with a low frequency amplifier can be made to give very good results from the local station and may be used to receive Daventry Experimental or Daventry 5XX in London, but the results are sometimes not altogether satisfactory. The signals are often distorted, because of the weak input; a stage of high frequency amplification should preferably be used.

Valve Preferable.

It is not easy to set up a high frequency amplifier before a crystal detector. When the setting of the detector is altered its electrical characteristics are changed, and a circuit that is stable with one setting may be difficult to handle with another. In other words, a crystal detector is not too trustworthy and for this reason a valve is preferable.

A valve used as an anode bend detector distorts very little when it is resistance coupled to the first low frequency amplifying stage. This type of detector is adjusted by setting the grid bias to a suitable negative value such as 1½ or 3 volts and varying the high tension voltage applied to its anode circuit until the loudest signals are obtained.

When there are two stages of low frequency amplification a grid bias of negative 1½ volts is ample, and a valve of the "resistance capacity" type may be used. A usual value for the high tension to this valve is 90 or 100 volts, but of course it will depend partly on the value of the anode resistance. A normal value is 250,000 ohms.

The "Leaky Grid."

Another method of detection is often used. It is known as the "leaky grid" method. A small condenser such as .0002 or .0003 microfarad is connected to the grid of a valve and a high resistance, known as a grid leak of 1 or 2 megohms (that is, one million or two million ohms), is joined between the grid of the valve and its filament.

Sometimes it is connected to the positive side of the filament and sometimes to the negative. When reaction is used the grid leak is generally connected to the negative side, but when good quality is the main consideration it is usually joined to the positive side.

This type of detector can be made more sensitive than the anode bend type and is more suitable for rectifying weak signals. A leaky grid detector will usually distort strong signals very badly, and for this reason the anode bend type is coming more into general use in broadcast receivers designed for good quality reproduction.

When a stage of high frequency amplification is fitted the best all-round results are often obtained when the rectifier is of the anode bend type, for although it is not so sensitive as the leaky grid type it does not reduce the selectivity of the receiver.

A set having an anode bend detector is more selective than another set comprising similar coils and condensers, but fitted with a leaky grid detector. Selectivity is so important a factor that any improvement, however slight, is generally worth having.

The majority of receivers of the two and three-valve type have a leaky grid detector. Those fitted with adjustable reaction almost invariably have a detector of this type. More expensive sets with high frequency amplifying stages are usually fitted with an anode bend detector. There does not seem to be any sound reason why a crystal detector should be used in any valve receiver.—W. James in "Morning Post."

FIXED CONDENSERS.

The ordinary method of making up fixed condensers by inter-leaving small strips of copper or tin foil and mica becomes distinctly tedious if the capacity required is anything above .002 mfd. Larger fixed condensers than this are sometimes wanted for shunting the loud speaker, for example, and these can be made up quickly in the following manner:

Obtain a strip of copper foil a few feet long and not less than 2 in. wide, and also a strip of thin celluloid about 6 in. longer than the copper, and not less than ¼ in. wide. From the copper foil cut two strips each 1 in. wide, and from the celluloid three strips, each 1½ in. wide. To one end of each copper strip solder a short length of flexible wire. Now lay the five strips so that the copper is placed in the centre of and between the celluloid, fixing them temporarily into position with a small paper clip. Make sure that the two leads at the far ends of the strips come out on opposite sides. Lay the whole length of the strips out flat and properly interleaved, take off the paper clip, and roll up the strips as tightly as possible, and then place around an ebonite tube about 1½ in. long and ½ in. in diameter. Insulated tape should then be wound over the completed roll, bringing the ends out neatly at the sides. The ebonite tubing is left in place in the centre of the roll, and makes the mounting of the condenser a simple matter to perform.

RADIO NOT LIKED.

SIR THOMAS BEECHAM EX-
PLAINS HIS ANTI-PATHY.

HOW MUSIC SUFFERS.

Sir Thomas Beecham, British orchestral conductor, following his recent debut on the radio as guest conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra explained, in part, his antipathy to the broadcasting of orchestral presentations at which he officiates as conductor.

"The broadcasting of jazz over the wireless," said Sir Thomas, "may actually succeed in making it sound better from the loud-speaker than it would sound if one were present in person at the playing. However, orchestral selections may suffer a great deal by virtue of the very complicated nature of the tones from the many and widely different instruments that go to make up the great modern orchestral organisation. When one hundred or more instruments are being played harmoniously the resultant tones are extremely complicated in structure. It follows that if they are taken out of their natural medium, the air, placed on a wire as electrical particles, then broadcast into space, they are bound to suffer in quality.

"It is unfortunate that orchestral music, which I consider the highest type of musical presentation, should so suffer in the transfer."

Sir Thomas likened the tones heard from the loudspeaker to one speaking through an obstructing medium so that the tone and modulation of the voice are rendered unnatural in quality. He likened the tones of complicated musical numbers to a maze of threads, all combining to produce the effect desired by the conductor, which are hopelessly thrown out of order by their transfer from their natural medium, the air.

"If a slight detrimental effect is interposed," he said, "the whole suffers."

"I am yet in doubt whether the effect on radio listeners is good or bad when the higher forms of music are put on the wireless," he said, after his debut with the Philharmonic musicians over WOR. "I shall have to listen to a concert in America when the opportunity presents before making a serious decision. Of course, I cannot decide for every one, but at least I can form my own impression of what one can hear over American wireless stations and compare it with what is heard when one is present in the music hall."

Inefficient Receivers Blamed.

Sir Thomas said that numerous occasions of operatic or orchestral broadcasts in Europe, to which he had been obliged to listen, had proved very disappointing. He admitted that the resultant "jumble of sound which invariably sounded more like noise than music" may have been due to poor radio receiving apparatus.

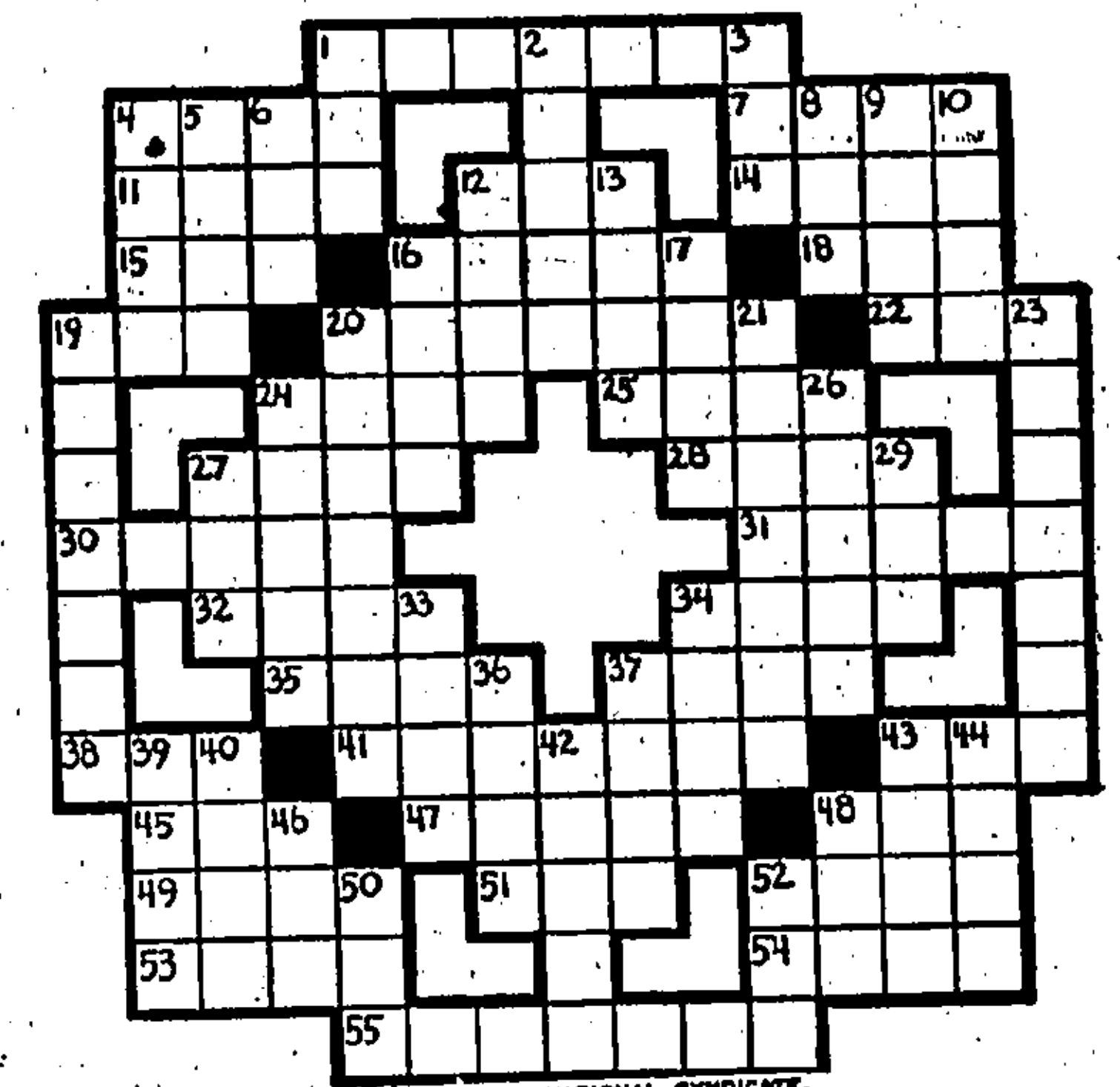
"The average British listener," he said, "is phlegmatic, and therefore in many cases he may be using a radio receiver which is antiquated and not capable of intercepting and reproducing the radio waves with fidelity. However, I am told that many listeners in England have excellent receiving sets. The Briton is a great home lover. When he arrives in the evening he generally stays home. This makes for the general popularity of wireless receiving sets in England, which are generally found intercepting the lighter musical numbers. When a Londoner wants to hear orchestral or good musical numbers he goes to a music hall."

Opera As Wired Noise.

"Once when I was visiting an artist friend in the Fontainebleau Forest in France we were sitting quietly after dinner in the evening when he suggested that we 'get onto something' over the radio. Finally, after many squeals and groans from the set, my friend succeeded in tuning in the opera from Vienna which was being broadcast that evening. Frankly, I could not be at all enthusiastic

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Ship accompanying another
- 4-Play aloft
- 7-European mountains
- 11-Twisted to one side
- 12-Place in position
- 14-Wanting in color
- 15-Precious stone
- 16-Demand as a right
- 18-Infused seat in a church
- 19-Bottom of river
- 20-Fascinated
- 22-Waste of burned coal
- 24-Melt
- 26-A nobleman
- 27-That which is written
- 28-Nolty
- 30-Visionary
- 31-Forbible twist
- 32-Raise on end
- 34-Single out with clean
- 37-Nourish

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38-Instrument for piercing
- 41-Spoken in a lazy manner
- 43-To work on closely
- 45-Uncooked
- 47-Fatigued
- 48-Beverage obtained by infusing dried leaves
- 49-Greedy
- 51-To bow like cattle
- 52-Row
- 53-Crown of the head
- 54-Collection of cattle
- 55-Twist to and fro

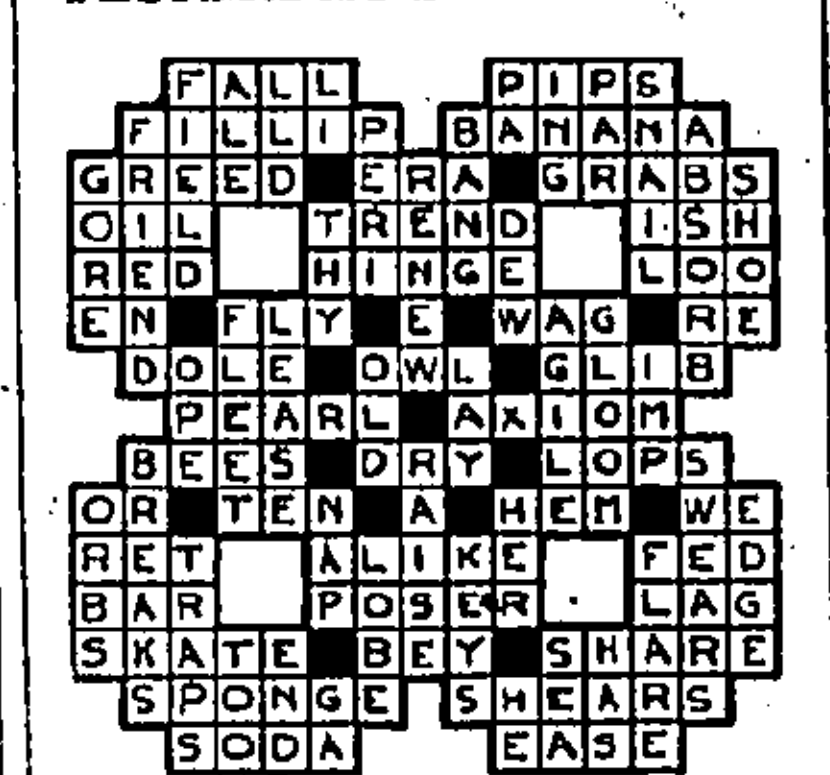
VERTICAL

- 1-Shed tears
- 2-Gilt
- 3-Strike lightly
- 4-Wise man
- 6-Indebted
- 8-Limb of human body
- 8-Length of a course
- 9-Urgent entreaty
- 10-Fastens with needle and thread
- 12-Blind cabbage
- 13-Measure of duration
- 16-Infernal speech
- 17-A repeat
- 19-South American country
- 20-Blasted with cold
- 21-Perished by suffocation in water
- 23-European country
- 24-Prepare for contest
- 26-Dismal
- 27-Saturate with water
- 28-To immerse
- 33-Small open pie
- 34-To plant seed
- 36-Any pendant
- 37-Rose in the air
- 38-Shawl
- 40-Molten volcanic matter
- 42-Incorrect
- 43-A nobleman
- 44-Rendered fat of swine
- 46-Humor
- 48-Knot
- 50-Condensed moisture
- 52-Article

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. Then will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



about the succession of weird noises that came out of the loud-speaker, but my friend was delighted."

Sir Thomas was told that one must expect that sort of reception from distant stations occasionally, even in America; but that broadcasting by radio really manifested its worth when music from local or near-by stations is tuned in on a good set, resulting in an excellent interpretation of what is being produced before the microphone. He intimated that he might be induced to change his mind in regard to the broadcasting of complicated compositions after having had an opportunity to listen to their reproduction through up-to-date American apparatus.

Sir Thomas's famous quotation in regard to broadcast, made less than one year ago, was: "Ever since the beginning of the present century there has been committed against the unfortunate art of music every imaginable sin of commission and omission, but all the previous crimes and stupidities pale before the latest attack on its fair name—broadcasting it by means of wireless."

Just before his radio debut in America he said: "In England I have never played for the radio because I felt that it had a bad effect on the radio audience. I feel that radio receivers are not capable of doing the best for the higher complicated types of music. Possibly radio is more advanced in America and may be capable of re-

producing the concerts more faithfully. I may have more to say after I broadcast."

Sir Thomas stepped out on the stage at Carnegie Hall when he made his radio debut without the slightest hesitancy at being placed, for the first time, within the hearing of the largest audience before which he had ever waved his baton. The presence of his avowed enemy, the microphone, apparently did not cause him the least bit of worry, for he conducted with vigour and even grasped the microphone stand between numbers.

During the intermission he made a brief address over the announcer's instrument and thanked the people of America for the wonderful reception that had been accorded him. "So far as I am concerned—I do not speak for the audience—the concert so far has been a complete success," he said.

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Discs are haphazardly cut from the metal strips, to test them for weight first. At the Mint they say that the weigher "keeps a bit on the heavy side," but what he does is to allow, against the wear and tear of processes to come, a full quarter of a grain, an entire, heaped-up, clod-hopping, lumpy quarter of a grain. Not the breath of a decimal more, sir.

Now then, the time has come for striking the coin? Not so, Bolivia. There is more to be done yet. The coins are cut blank first. You must almost shout to be heard in the room where this is done, as the punches come down bang, bang, bang upon the metal strips, cutting from them endless pairs of blanks, which slide then out of the machine over a honeycombed tray, through the hollows of which imperfect coins fall like sinners into oblivion.

The unused framework of the bars—40 per cent. of the whole—goes back to be remelted. The blanks pass to a man who stands at a large inclined grid, punched with holes the exact size of a required coin all over its surface. Over this all day he spreads coins, rubbing them over it with his extended fingers, so that any of the imperfect which may have escaped the first test of the machine fall through beneath his mingled scrutiny and touch.

The edges of the innumerable coins are sharp and his hands are ungloved, but, he says, he does not cut himself. Only the ends of his fingers grow rather callous, as with an eternal gather and sweep and rub, over and over and over, he passes over his sieve a quarter of a million coins each day.

And now they stamp the coins? Not so, Bolivia. The blanks are too soft. Rims are raised upon them, they are put into red-hot pigeon-holes in a rotary furnace, and thence fall, ugly dark discs,

into cold water. Thence again they are taken to an adjoining room, and there they go mad. They are cast into wild, revolving, open canisters, tilted like mortars, and there, out of a small sea of sulphuric acid, they rise in breaking and clashing waves.

Presently shining red coals from a furnace are cast amid them, for an extraordinary moment the waves of coins seem to drip blood, and then all at once spring to a frosted white. Water is added and the canisters whirl on, the discs as they scour the side of the canisters and fall over each other cleaning themselves, till presently they are glittering, and you can see rising from the waves of acid and water what you have often read of but never seen, true silver spray.

Then they are dried in hot-air boilers, such as you used to glimpse in hairdressers' before women's hair became obsolete, and are fed, for the most part at least, through tubes into the coining-presses. There metal frogs' legs seize each blank and hold it for the instant of honour, when a die squeezes upon it, and it falls into a bag below, the King's shilling. Forty thousand pieces a day thus fall knighted from each press, odd, jovial machines which dance at their work and nod their noses at you with a "Now I've done it!" air as the die comes down.

So all is completed? Nay, not so, Britannia. All silver coins must go to a room like an astronomer's study, full of cold, intellectual balances which, with almost inhuman judgment, as they weigh the coins, sort them into those of correct weight, those a shadow heavy and those a shadow light. Not alone this, but those shadows of difference may be varied to such standard of difference as the Mint desires.

Thence the coins go to the "ringers," human miracles these, men who sit before small circular anvils and on these with endlessly flitting wrists cast the coins in such a swift stream that you have a silver rainbow in the air, lighting upon and leaping from the anvil. So continuous is the fall of the pieces that it forms a seamless note of sound. They listen to it, and at the slightest alteration of tone, stop and take the flawed piece from the heap where it has fallen, and then start again.

The ultimate test of all is yet to come. In bags the coins are taken to where at table height an endless band of leather passes over and between rollers. Three men are seated there; one seizes a bag and spades the coins from its mouth upon the moving band so that none overlaps and never a one falls, and so on the band they go past his colleague at the rate

A MERE EXCUSE.

VIEWS ON "COMPANIONATE" MARRIAGE.

SIR HARRY LAUDER.

New York.—Companionate marriage, bobbed hair, and short skirts are criticised by Sir Harry Lauder, who is at present fulfilling engagements here. The American newspapermen are using Sir Harry for providing good "copy" by expressions of opinion on current topics. In recording the result of their interviews newspapermen term Sir Harry "an old-fashioned Scot." His views show how closely he "sticks to the things he grew up with back in Scotland."

"Companionate marriage" is a mere excuse for immorality," Sir Harry Lauder is reported as declaring. "But if you are talking about old-fashioned regular marriage, I should say a young man and woman should get married as soon as possible; it gives them a sense of responsibility."

The comedian told the reporters of how his wife had helped him to make his way through the hardships of the early days. "We were real pals together—and for thirty-seven years," he continued. "This talk about seeing if a marriage takes before making it permanent is all wrong."

Sir Harry recalled that during his first visit to America twenty years ago someone asked him if he did not catch cold in his kilts. He then said that he was quite warm, thank you, and predicted that it would not be long before women's dresses would come up as high as his kilts were, and probably higher. Sir Harry now declares that he observes with delight how well his prophecy has been fulfilled.

When asked about bobbed hair he shook his head and said: "Well it has its conveniences; it's like Russian boots, good enough in rainy, sloppy weather, but I don't think much of it; it will pass like all other fads."

of 1,000 a minute, and he gazes incessantly at them and picks with smooth speed from that river flow any that have the least final flaw.

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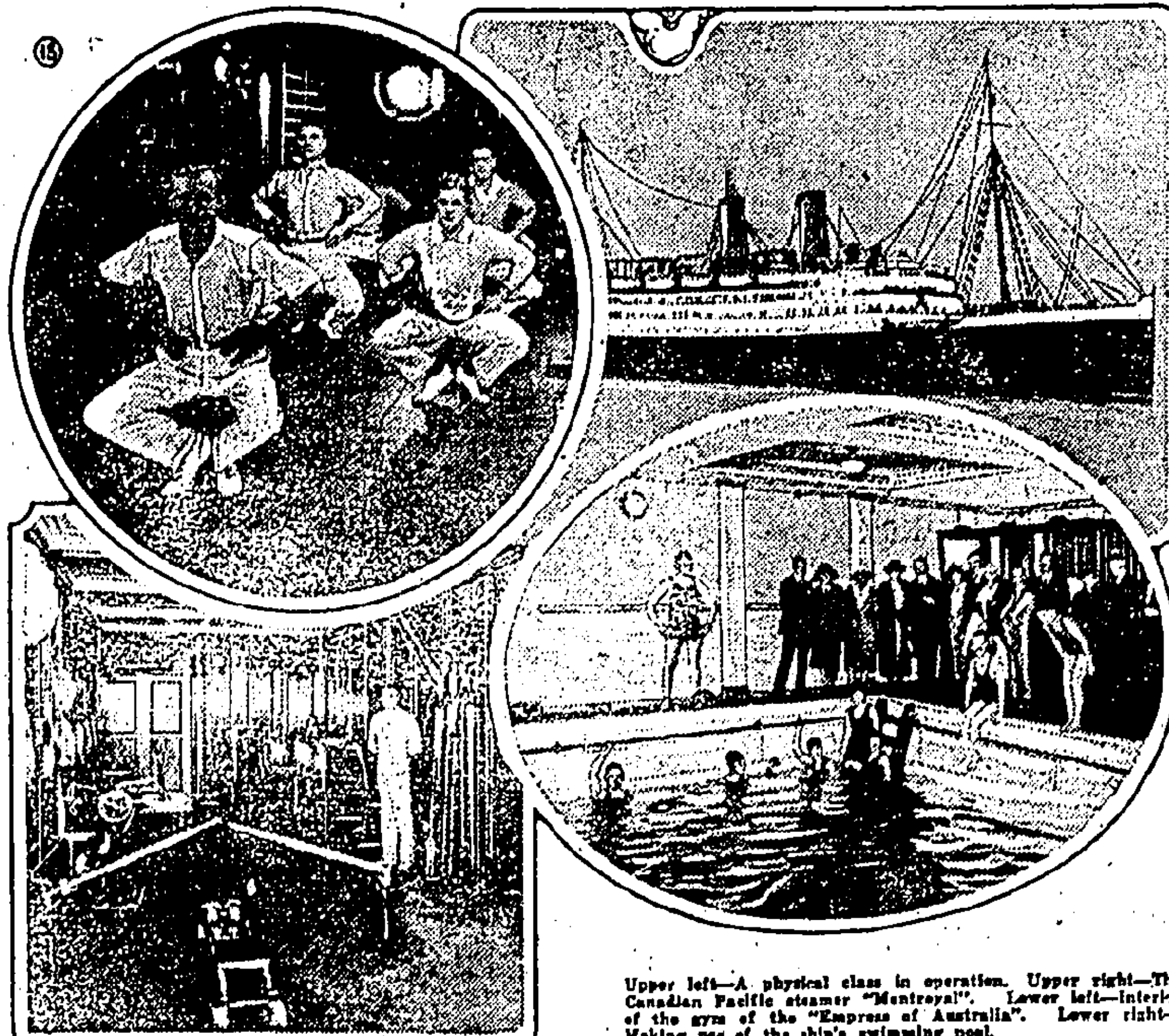
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Keeping Physically Fit in Mid-Ocean



Upper left—A physical class in operation. Upper right—The
Canadian Pacific steamer "Montreal". Lower left—Interior
of the gym of the "Empress of Australia". Lower right—
Training use of the ship's swimming pool.

A gymnasium on board an ocean liner is no longer a novelty. The floating palaces of today which cross the mighty oceans between Canada and the Orient and Canada and Europe have gone one better than the best hotels. There are hotels in this country that can invite their guests to bathe in private swimming-pools; but how many of them can offer the busy man or woman the use of a gymnasium? "How to keep fit at sea?" Board one of the famous "White Empresses", bound for the Orient from Vancouver, or cross from Quebec to Southampton by an "Empress of the Atlantic". These liners have gymnasiums on board, and you will have no reason to fear the consequences of a period of enforced leisure. On the Pacific the "Empress of Canada", "Empress of Asia" and "Empress of Russia", have gymnasiums which are in all respects like those of the three Atlantic Empresses. Spacious rooms, with excellent ventilation, and fitted with the latest equipment for almost every phase of athletic exercise. In addition, the Empress of Canada and the Empress of Australia have swimming pools, which are in the first rank of those to be found on board sea-going ships.

The apparatus with which the gymnasiums of the ships of the Canadian Pacific line are fitted is varied and diverting. The "horse" and the "camel" are perhaps the most popular among the machines. When travelling on the "Empress of Australia" and the "Empress of Canada" to and from Canada this summer the Prince of Wales rode many imaginary miles on the comfortable back of the "horse" and also on the "camel". These beasts are electrically controlled, and when the current is switched on the "horse", which is properly saddled and has crupper and stirrups, proceeds to emulate the movement of a

horse in motion, and gives the rider a real and pleasant sensation of horse-back riding. The speed can be increased from a walk to a trot, from a trot to a canter, and from a canter to a gallop; but the "horse" is always a gentle beast and never throws his rider. The "camel" machine is as popular as the "horse". The "camel" functions in a similar manner to the horse, but performs the rolling motion peculiar to the "ships of the Sahara". The "camel" usually works overtime when the Round the World and Mediterranean Cruise Empresses are nearing Egypt, the ladies especially being anxious to accustom themselves to riding on the hump of a camel.

There are bicycle machines in the gymnasium of the Empresses. These are fitted with dials which record distances travelled up to 500 metres. Bicycles are placed side by side, which offers the possibilities of racing competitions.

Boxing machines, pulley-machines, which test the strength and develop the muscle, are amongst the apparatus with which the gymnasiums are equipped, and boxing-gloves, medicine-balls, punch-balls, balls, single-sticks, and Indian clubs, provide boxers, fencers, and Indian-club artists amongst the passengers with every opportunity of indulging in their favorite pastime.

The gymnasiums themselves are spacious rooms, well ventilated, and fitted with electric fans which help to keep the air always fresh. During certain hours the rooms are reserved for the exclusive use of the lady passengers.

A physical instructor is on duty in the gymnasiums during the regular hours. He instructs passengers in the use of the machines, and during the longer voyages and winter cruises made by the Empresses, classes for physical exercises are frequently held.

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Straits		Santhia
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21.		
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Straits		Van Heutsz
FRIDAY, MARCH 23.		
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SUNDAY, MARCH 25.		
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MONDAY, MARCH 26.		
Manila		Empress of Asia
TUESDAY, MARCH 27.		
Japan and Shanghai		Porthos
FRIDAY, MARCH 30.		
Shanghai		Mantua

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	TUESDAY, MARCH 20.	Per
Bangkok		Halldor 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 9th Apr. and Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		President Grant 4.30 p.m. President Lincoln 4.30 p.m.
Manila		Kong Ning 5 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow		
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		Hanoi 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21.		
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 2nd Apr. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		Tango Maru
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels 11 a.m. Letters Noon		Talma
Java via Batavia		Tijssaraen 2.30 p.m.
Straits		Indus Maru 3.30 p.m.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 22.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Deli Maru 8.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 23.		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.		Hosang
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Hai Ching 2 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei		Kuelchow 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd Apr. K.P.O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters (Mar. 24th) 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration (Mar. 24th) 8.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 24th) 9.30 a.m.		Kashima Maru

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

INDIANS WALK OUT.

Scenes in Legislative Assembly.

FINANCE BILL PASSED.

Measure To Prevent Child Marriages Amended.

New Delhi, Yesterday. The threatened rejection of the Finance Bill has not materialised, the Assembly passing it by 61 votes to 41. The debate was remarkable, the Swarajists walking out; also for a speech by a Mahomedan member Shah Nawaz, who paid a tribute to the excellent record of Sir Basil Blackett, the Finance member for the past five years and declared the economic progress of India since the beginning of the 20th century was equalled by few countries in the world. He warned opponents of the bill that throwing it out would not hurt the Government but the Assembly.

A bill introduced by an Indian Assembly member in 1927 to prevent child marriages was amended in committee so that it applies to child marriages in all classes of the community, the object being not to declare such marriages invalid but to restrain them by punishing the participants. The minimum age for boys was fixed at 18 and for girls at 14. The penalties are one month's simple imprisonment or a fine of Rs. 1,000 or both.—Reuter.

EARL BALFOUR.

SUFFERING FROM HEART ATTACK.

ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED.

London, Yesterday. Earl Balfour, who has been ailing for some time, has cancelled his engagements on account of a heart attack.—Reuter.

JOURNEY'S END.

"RED ROSE" REACHES AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, Yesterday. The "Red Rose" has arrived at Port Darwin.—Reuter. [Capt. Lancaster, with Mrs. Keith Miller as a passenger, started his journey for Australia from England, in a light British machine, last October.]

COMING HERE.

U.S. FLAGSHIP LEAVES MANILA.

Manila, Yesterday. U.S.S. "Pittsburg," with Admiral Bristol aboard and accompanied by destroyer squadrons, left for Shanghai and Japan.—Reuter. [The flagship, with fleet, is calling at Hong Kong.]

NOTED SURGEON.

DEATH OF SIR DAVID FERRIER.

London, Yesterday. The death is announced of Sir David Ferrier, founder and pioneer of brain surgery.—Reuter.

HANGED HIMSELF.

A young Chinese draughtsman temporarily living in the servants quarters of the Duro Garage, Nathan-road, Kowloon, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself from a beam in the roof of the garage. The Tsimshatsui police removed the body to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Mr. Wong Kam-fuk, J.P., commander of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Mrs. Wong and Miss Wong yesterday by the "President Lincoln" after a brief visit to Japan. Mr. Wong, it will be recalled, was the lucky winner of the first prize in this year's Derby sweep of the Chinese Club.

EGYPTIAN POLICY.

New Premier Outlines Aims.

AGREEMENT WITH BRITAIN.

Nahas Pasha Confident That Anglo-Egyptian Treaty Is Possible.

Cairo, Yesterday. The Premier, Nahas Pasha, in a statement on policy to a packed house, said the Government had assumed power at a difficult moment in order to safeguard the rights of the country. Egypt would not recognise any fact or act conflicting with Egypt's complete independence and the rights of the Sudan (cheers). The Government was sure that with goodwill an Anglo-Egyptian agreement would eventually be reached safeguarding Egypt's independence and British interests, but it must be an agreement between two friends and not between a master and a dependant. He assured foreigners that their interests would be protected.—Reuter.

GETTING BETTER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

for repair work which is the more profitable side of our business. At the same time, our shipbuilding facilities are now second to none anywhere in the world. The significance of this is brought out by the fact that we are now frequently asked to tender for large and well fitted ships in competition with home builders. I have not the slightest doubt, that, when times improve, we shall get our share of those large orders, though at the present time competition is so strenuous that it is difficult to obtain much with a margin of profit.

Company's Capital.

The Committee agree with the Directors that the capital of the Company should be increased as soon as conditions permit. This is receiving careful attention, and a fresh issue of shares will be made when the Directors consider the time opportune.

Turning to the accounts, I may mention that all the interest on our Bank Advance amounting to the large sum of \$409,489.46, has been debited to Profit & Loss A/c. The sum of \$62,017.81 depreciation is in the opinion of your Chief Manager ample to allow for depreciation during the year, plant and buildings have been kept in good repair and the same charged to working account. The value of the material on hand has been determined by the Company's storekeepers, and checked by the Chief Manager as usual.

Form of Balance Sheet.

The form of our Balance Sheet which has come in for some criticism is identical with those of large similar concerns at home, and has the approval of our Auditors.

I would like to thank our Staff both European and Chinese for their loyal service during the past year.

I do not think there is anything more calling for comment, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may like to ask.

Other Business.

Mr. H. P. White seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts and the motion was unanimously adopted.

There were no questions.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. H. P. White were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposition of Mr. E. Abraham, seconded by Mr. R. A. Dastur.

Messrs. Low Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,500 each on the proposition of Mr. A. H. M. da Silva seconded by Mr. M. Fernandez.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 8/16.

HERTZOG EXPLAINS.

What He Means By Independence.

DOMINION CO-OPERATION.

The Governing Principle Of Empire Existence.

Capetown, Yesterday. In the Assembly, replying to the debate on the report of the Imperial Conference, General Hertzog said that never before in his life, at any rate as a politician, had he felt more strongly in favour of co-operation with the Empire, but it was only on a basis of full independence that South Africa or any other dominion would ever consent to co-operate with the British Empire. Co-operation was the governing principle of Empire existence. Take away that Co-operation and there was no Empire.

Co-operation, not only co-operation in wartime, if they wanted the Empire to be an Empire in the real sense of the word, must be co-operation of free peoples in that co-operation was only obtainable on a basis of independence. Fortunately, so far as Britain and the British Governments were concerned there was no longer any question in regard to the character or degree of the extent of Dominion-independence.—Reuter.

COASTAL CHANGES.

MOVEMENTS IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

Mr. F. N. Booth, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Yingchow." Mr. J. B. Graham, from Home on agreement, has gone acting third engineer, "Kwangchow." Mr. J. McAulay, third engineer, "Kwangchow," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Will, from reserve, has gone supply third engineer, "Linan." Mr. R. D. Thompson, chief engineer, C.N. Co., is on Home leave.

Mr. W. Bell, from acting assistant superintendent engineer, C.N. Co., is on Home leave.

Mr. H. S. Luscombe, from Home on agreement, has gone third engineer, "Hanyang."

Mr. R. J. Allison, third engineer, "Hanyang," has gone supply third engineer, "Hain Peking."

Mr. P. H. Todd, second engineer, "Wuchang," has gone second engineer, "Szechuen."

Mr. A. C. Lemercier, second engineer, "Szechuen," has gone second engineer, "Wuchang."

Mr. A. Knowles, second engineer, "Tatung," has gone second engineer, "Wenchow."

Mr. J. Said, second engineer, "Wenchow," has gone second engineer, "Tatung."

Mr. J. Gardner, second engineer, "Hanyang," has gone second engineer, "Tungting."

Mr. W. Gordon, second engineer, "Tungting," has gone second engineer, "Hanyang."

Mr. W. Wishart, supply chief engineer, "Hsin Peking," is on Home leave.

Mr. W. Kerr, supply chief engineer, "Hsin Peking," is on Home leave.

Mr. M. Hull, chief engineer, "Mingsang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Randle, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Mingsang."

Mr. W. F. Smith, supply second engineer, "Walshing," has gone supply second engineer, "Tingsang."

Mr. J. Fowles, supply second engineer, "Tingsang," is on reserve.

Mr. D. Smith, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Kutwo."

Mr. A. J. Begley, chief engineer, "Kutwo," is on reserve.

Mr. R. H. Watt, third engineer, "Leesang," has gone acting second engineer, same ship.

Mr. T. C. Malcolm, second engineer, "Leesang," has resigned.

—Shipping and Engineering.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A Chinese of no fixed abode attempted to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour at Connaught-road West. He was rescued by nampun people and removed to the Government Civil Hospital by the police.

DEATH AFTER EXPLOSION.

Yip Ming (40), one of the eleven Chinese who was injured in the boiler explosion at Salwanho on March 18, died at the Government Civil Hospital at 11.45 p.m., yesterday. This makes the second death due to the explosion.

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